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It is the the American soldier, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the the American soldier, who salutes the Flag, whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

—Contributed



Spc. Christopher Smith

Specialist Christopher Smith of West Liberty, a member of the Army National Guard, is enroute back to Iraq after spending a two-week leave here with his wife, Natasha and two children, Kelsi Jo, 7, and Skyler Terrill, 6, his parents, Jack and Sandy Smith, and grandparents, George and Letha Adkins, of West Liberty. Spc. Smith is serving with Bravo Co., 206th Engineers based in Jackson. The unit has been in Iraq since April. During that time, Spc. Smith served as a machine gunner providing protection for military convoys and most recently was assigned to security duty at the Abugreb Prison. He has been a member of the National Guard since September 2004. Specialist Smith received a standing ovation from local residents and local state officials when he was recognized by Judge Executive Tim Conley at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Ky. 7 sector last Friday.



Spc. James Ruth

Specialist James Ruth, son of Rick Ruth of Morehead and Ruthie Phipps of West Liberty, left this week for duty in Iraq. His grandmother, Wilma Jean Ruth, lives in West Liberty. A member of the 978th Military Police headquartered at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Spc. Ruth, who enlisted in the Army in March 2003, received advanced infantry training in communications, then applied and was accepted for Military Police training at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. He served a one-year tour of duty in South Korea before his unit was ordered to Iraq. In South Korea, he was a member of the 94th MP Special Reaction Team, a crack unit assigned to handle terrorist, hostage, and special threat situations. While in Korea, he and his team were assigned to provide security for several VIPs, including the Vice President, the Secretary of Defense, and many other high ranking officials

Need info, photos of local soldiers in war zones

The Courier is seeking information for publication about local service men and women currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Please send information, along with a photo of the service man or woman, including branch of service, name, rank, unit, home address, names and address of spouses, children, parents, etc., to The Licking Valley Courier, P.O. Box 187, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

Seven more toss hats in ring for magistrate seats

Seven more candidates have filed as candidates for county offices in the May primary elections. Candidates who had filed as of Tuesday are:

Jailer—Rick Barker, Republican.

Magistrate Dist. 1—Ronnie Williams, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 2—Randy Cantrell, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 4—Junior Ray Montgomery, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 5—Douglas Vance, Democrat; Robert “Bob” Phipps, Democrat; Bobby Adkins, Democrat.



Spc. Daniel Lee Sergeant

Home from Iraq

Army Spc. Daniel Lee Sergeant has just returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., from his second tour of duty in the Iraqi war zone. He served in Kuwait from Jan. 25 to May 27, 2004, and spent the last 11 months in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division's 403rd CTC, 3rd Platoon. He is the grandson of Hershel and Carole Sergeant of West Liberty and is a 1999 graduate of Morgan County High School. He and his wife, Tamra Lynn, are the proud parents of two children, Dylan Isaiah and Danielle Faith Sergeant. Spc. Sergeant is looking forward to spending the holidays with his family.

Cougars' romp over East Carter enroute to EKC tourn. finals

By David Patrick

Blake McCowan scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Cougars rolled to a 67-32 victory over East Carter in the semifinals of the EKC tournament at Vanceburg Tuesday evening.

After falling behind 5-0 early in the first quarter, Matthew Perry's team scored 27 unanswered points enroute to a commanding 32-7 lead at the half. Morgan County's strong start was followed by an equally impressive finish. John Robert Henderson and Matt Harris combined for the Cougars' final 13 points of the game as Morgan completed the rout of the previously undefeated Raiders.

“I’m just proud to be associated with such a fine group of young men,” said Coach Perry after the game. “We played extremely well, executed and made good decisions.”

Nathaniel Peyton scored 11 for Morgan while John Robert Henderson and Katlin Haney had nine apiece. Devan Adkins and Matt Harris both tallied eight points.

The win earns Morgan a spot in tonight's EKC championship game, also in Vanceburg. Game time is 7:30.

Officials mark opening of new sector of Ky. 7

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert joined local officials in West Liberty last Friday to cut a ribbon ceremonially marking the opening of a new section of Ky. 7. Because of bitterly cold temperatures, the ceremony was conducted at the Morgan County Community Center.

“This new highway provides a vital transportation link not only to local residents, but to all of Eastern Kentucky,” Secretary Nighbert told a crowd of over 100 that included local and area officials, Transportation Cabinet officials, and local citizens. Nighbert noted that Ky. 7 is an important connector link between the Mountain Parkway and Interstate 64 and is destined to become a link in a major north-south route linking I-75 and I-64.

The realigned sector replaces a substandard, but heavily traveled, older alignment that Nighbert described as narrow, marked by hazardous curves, and prone to slips and slides. “This new section of road represents a major safety improvement,” Nighbert said, “and will benefit economic development efforts in the region. It also will improve access to education and health care opportunities for those living in Morgan and nearby counties.”

The new 2.1-mile alignment opened to traffic in September. Some final surfacing and landscaping work remains to be completed, along with guard rail installation, before the construction



Cutting the ribbon to ceremonially mark the opening of the 2.1-mile realignment of Ky. 7 between West Liberty and Ky. 519 near Pomp are, from left, John Will Stacy, state representative; Robert Nickell, West Liberty mayor; Bill Nighbert, state Transportation Secretary; Linda Wagner-Justice, chief district engineer; Tim Conley, Morgan County judge-executive, and Patty White, Governor's Office regional representative. The event was moved to the Morgan County Community Center because of the cold weather and the ribbon cutting was conducted in the parking lot at the center.

project is complete. The contract was awarded on the \$13,052,742.94 project in January 2003 and work began later that year. H. B. Elkins, public information officer at the District 10 Highway Department office in Jackson, said change orders and modifications approved during the course of the construction totaled \$3,423,814.06 and the cost of relocating utilities was \$65,893 for a total of \$16,476,557. Design and right-of-way acquisition costs were not available at press time.

Morgan Judge Executive Tim Conley, who arranged and emceed the ribbon-cutting ceremony, welcomed guests and recognized visitors, including Patty White from Gov. Fletcher's regional office; Department of Highways District Engineer Linda Wright-Justice; Lester

Wimpy representing the contractor, Bizzack Bros., and local area visitors.

Conley joined District Engineer Wright-Justice and Secretary Nighbert in recognizing the efforts of State Senators Robert Stivers and Walter Blevins and State Rep. John Will Stacy, who he said deserve the credit for assuring the completion of the new sector, and former Morgan judge executive Sid Stewart, under whose administration the realignment project was begun and “who worked with John Will in getting this project on the road.”

State Rep. Stacy proclaimed the new sector “a major achievement for Morgan County.”

“This is a big project for Morgan County,” Stacy said, noting that “\$15 million and the moving of 4 million yards of earth” were

See RIBBON CUTTING Page 9

Daniel Frederick to receive Scouting's highest honor

Matthew Daniel Frederick, 16, of West Liberty will be awarded Scouting's highest honor at a special Eagle Scout ceremony this Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the West Liberty Christian Church. The public is invited to attend.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, an achievement attained by only about 4 percent of all Scouts, Daniel was required to earn 21 merit badges, as well as serve as a leader in his troop, and complete a major community service project.

As his service project Daniel worked with the Rotary Club of West Liberty and the West Liberty Kiwanis Club to secure a grant from the West Liberty Tourism Commission to place trash cans throughout the city parks.

Daniel's mother, Joleen Frederick, said he been a Boy



Matthew Daniel Frederick

Scout for five years and is presently a member of Troop 58 of Morehead. He was a member of Troop 111 prior to becoming a member of Troop 58. He has served as a patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and librarian.

Don't forget the blood drive today

Morgan Countians have an opportunity today to give a precious gift that could save the life of someone in need—blood. The Morgan County Blood Program will hold its final community donor drive of the year today, Thursday, Dec. 8, from noon until 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Refreshments will be provided for donors by the West Liberty Homemakers and donors will be eligible for drawings for valuable prizes provided by the Lions Club, businesses, and individuals.

The Morgan County Blood Program is sponsored by the Morgan County Lions Club and the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

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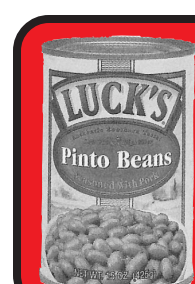
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Letters



RESPONSE FROM A PROUD MORGAN COUNTIAN

In response to the letter to the editor in last week's edition:

My family and I are proud to live in Morgan County and the opportunities in which it offers. The statement of my son is way out of character. The writer did not need the assistance of my nine-year-old son to make her point. My statement to the reporter of the Lexington Herald was this: He asked if we thought our son would have a future in Eastern Kentucky. My statement to him was that every parent hopes their sons or daughters could be a doctor or maybe a veterinarian or lawyer, and was not meant to slam the fine people of Eastern Kentucky that fulfill these positions.

I had three interviews with this reporter to discuss the economic development of jobs in Eastern Kentucky, including the jobs lost at Whiting Mfg. Company. My mission statement to the reporter was stated at the beginning of the interview that manufacturing companies need to explore Eastern Kentucky and the availability of its work force. If given the opportunity, the people would exceed all their demands. As with many articles, some contents are used out of context to emphasize a point in order to make the article more effective for that particular reporter's needs regarding their story.

Mrs. Kennell Lewis apparently knows nothing of Jim Fleshman and if she did, would have not made such a harsh judgment of my family or myself. Just ask around to some of the fine people she used as an example that know my family and myself. And by the way, I smelled the coffee 15 years ago in Eastern Kentucky and that's why my family and I decided not to move out of eastern Kentucky and Morgan County.

And, yes, we always hope for a future in Eastern Kentucky for all our families. We just need to convince employers to tap the natural resources of its great people.

A proud citizen of Morgan County, no matter what some person thinks.

Jim Fleshman
West Liberty

PARENTS OF DANIEL HANEY RESPOND

This is in response to the letter to the editor from Mr. Davis about my son, Daniel Haney.

We have been advised that Mr. Davis doesn't have any children and so how can he feel the pain and hurt that I and my husband and our small son had to go through, not to mention the loneliness of our nine-year-old son from losing the one person he worshiped and loved very much.

We have never pretended our son was an angel, but he was a model child and before experiencing the drug world my son was a loving and caring person.

As for Mr. Nickell, all that we were asking was for him to take the steps to get our son the help that he knew he needed after our son failed his drug tests. Mr.

Nickell had the authority to have had something done and chose not to. So this is something that he will have to live with.

My husband and I went to Mr. Nickell the same day our son failed his drug test and begged him to put him in rehab or in jail. Instead, he told us to go and have our son kicked out of our house and get a restraining order. This wasn't what my son needed. He needed his help to get off these drugs. This was a bright and intelligent young man that needed a hand to help him back. Three days later, my son died.

It appears that Mr. Davis did not know the facts before writing his letter to the editor.

We have the feeling that it was felt that my son was too far gone and wasn't worth the effort. There is no young person too far gone. With the proper help my son could have been saved.

There doesn't need to be any more children or young adults that need to go through this. We have to make sure that when another child or young adult is under probation that the authorities are doing their job correctly and not just letting these young people slide on the rules that were set before them. That's the reason they were put there—to be enforced.

If Mr. Davis could face my nine-year-old son and answer his question—"Why did it happen and why did it have to be my brother?" only then would he know how we feel. This is going to be the hardest Christmas. We will be mourning the loss of our son. It is our opinion that all could have been prevented by Mr. Nickell if he had listened to our plea.

In my opinion, and others', Mr. Nickell should resign from his job and let someone in there that will help troubled kids and young adults.

Other children are going to need our help and we all need to make sure they receive the help they deserve. Our young people are our future.

My son, Daniel, gave his little brother some sound advice, which was, "Bob, never do the things I've done or try the things I have. Be a good boy." That advice will always be there for Jamie, who loved his brother a great deal.

So please, young and old, please never shut the door on anybody that needs help like it was shut up on my son.

Mr. Davis, I hope that all probation officers when they see a child or young adult that needs help getting off drugs, do everything in their power to see that they get that help instead of turning them away.

Daniel's Parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Danny Haney,
And His Baby Brother, Jamie

ARTICLE'S POINT MISSED

It's not about Morgan County, it's about Kentucky. Morgan County is a wonderful place to live, and we're surrounded by wonderful and intelligent people. We have excellent educators and professional people. We have all the resources available that anyone can apply initiative and become anything they desire.

Many people throughout Kentucky, even in Morgan County, are like Scott Heid, who was quoted in the Lexington Herald-Leader's article "Keeping the brains in the Bluegrass." Mr.

Old News Journal

By W. Lynn Nickell

Material taken from the Licking Valley Courier

By W. Lynn Nickell
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September 1944
COURIER SOLD TO
E. W. KINNER

The Licking Valley Courier was sold by F. S. Brong to E. W. Kinner on August 31, 1944. Kinner was the past editor of The Big Sandy News at Louisa. F. S. (Samuel Frances) Brong bought the Courier in 1926 from Hovermale & Elam. Earl Kinner will be assisted in the business by his brother, Fred B. Kinner.

Roscoe Brong bids farewell as editor of the Courier saying, he "believes the Courier is in good hands and will continue to improve and progress with the community."

Mr. Kinner plans to move to West Liberty soon. He has a wife and six year old son (Earl Jr.). Kinner took an active part in the Louisa paper in 1935. He attended University of Kentucky specializing in journalism and for a time was employed by the Lexington Herald. He is Associated Press correspondent at Louisa and also manager of the Louisa bureaus of the Ashland Daily Independent and Huntington Herald Dispatch. He is also a member of the State Board of Education, appointed by Keen Johnson in 1941.

TEACHERS ANNOUNCED FOR MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

High School:
Mrs. Woodrow (Mabel) Barber - English
Raymond Benton - Mathematics
Marie Cecil - English and Language
Ezra Bach - History
Roy Nickell - Vocational Agriculture
Elmer Craft - Science and Math
Coach - Elmer Craft
Band Director - Carl Reeves
Grades:
Floris Cox - Sixth grade
Catherine Byrd - Fifth grade
Avonell Whitt - Fourth grade
Bernice Craft - Third grade
Zola Haney - Second grade
Nancy P. Turner - First grade
ENROLLMENT FOR 1944 - 22 seniors, 29 juniors, 21 Sophomores, 63 freshmen, 25 8th grade, 31 7th grade, 19 sixth grade, 26 fifth grade, 28 fourth grade, 29 third grade, 27 second grade, 28 first grade for a total of 348 in the high & graded school.

September 14, 1944

Vencil Trimble is the new County Agent. Mr. Trimble succeeded Yandall Wrather. Trimble, a native of Johnson county, was County Agent in Lee county last year. He recently taught school at Jennies Creek and Mead Memo-

Heid said, "The window for me is probably gone. I just hope that there will be more industry there (Kentucky) in 5 or 10 years to provide opportunities for graduates coming out then."

Even now you probably know of a friend or family member that has to commute to another county in order to find employment. It's really quite common to know of people that commute to cities as far away as Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Lexington, Georgetown and that's just in one direction. People in Kentucky for the most part all have the same problems. It would be nice for there to be more opportunities to keep more people close to home.

Stephen D. Howard
West Liberty

Civil War in Kentucky is focus of new publication

Just in time for Christmas giving, *Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865* is perhaps the most comprehensive book yet published on the Civil War in Kentucky.

The 160 page, four-color, hard-back book contains 52 articles and essays by 30 Kentucky authors, including State Historian Dr. Jim Klotter. Other contributors include Drs. Charles Roland, Lowell Harrison, Jim Ramage, Stephen McBride, Marshall Myers, Michael Trapasso, and former State Poet Laureate Richard Taylor.

The book includes accounts of 11 major Civil War battles, articles about the many civilian and military leaders during the conflict, the role of African Americans, and relates how two future presidents, U.S. Grant, and James Garfield, first found fame in Kentucky.

Most Kentuckians are unaware that three different cities (Frankfort, Bowling Green, and Russellville) enjoyed the spotlight, however briefly, as the capital of the Confederacy. The importance of women to the war effort on both sides.

How and why Confederate Guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill sought refuge in Kentucky following the Lawrence, Kansas, massacre is related. There is also the story of the hanging of "Sue Mundy" just a few days be-

fore the war ended, protesting his innocence almost to his dying breath.

The book also contains an original four-color, pull-out map which provides detailed information on battles, skirmishes, historic sites, forts, cemeteries, railroads, and confederate defensive lines.

Readers will be able to trace John Hunt Morgan's raids into Kentucky and trace the September 1862 routes of Confederate General Braxton Bragg and Union General Don Carlos Buell to Perryville.

The book contains many rare photographs and drawings among its 170 illustrations.

Civil War buffs will enjoy the 50-question quiz which will further help readers to understand a war which produced more casualties than all the other wars combined in our nation's history.

Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865 is available at book stores in Kentucky, or may be ordered by calling Back Home In Kentucky at (606) 663-1011. All soft cover copies have been sold; a limited number of hard covers are available at \$37.95 plus \$6 postage and handling. A limited number of deluxe leather bound copies are available at \$75.00 plus \$8 tax and shipping (limited one per customer). All major credit cards are accepted.

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DEMOCRAT COUNTY CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Ren Nickell has been appointed County Democrat Chairman by Harry Lee Waterfield, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

REEVES RETURNS

Good news for the school and community. Carl Reeves, band director and music teacher, has returned to Morgan County High for another year. He has been employed here since 1938 and has been one of the most successful band directors in eastern Kentucky.

(Check www.ewdesigns.com/nickell for Christmas gifts)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Peace will come wherever it is sincerely invited. Love will overflow every sanctuary given it. Truth will grow where the fertilizer that nourishes it is also truth. —Alice Walker, Writer



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Following their time of Bible reading and prayer, little Debbie jumped into bed. Suddenly her face broke into a big smile, and she asked excitedly, "Do you know what I'm going to do when I see the Lord?"

"No," answered her father. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to run up to Him," she said, "and give Him a big hug and kiss."

To her and to all who know Him, our Lord is approachable and lovable.

Hear Him as He tenderly invites, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." You will come to Him now, won't you?

The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley
Judge Executive



Hello from Judge Tim Conley and staff.

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. We have parked our mowing equipment for the winter months and have attached our snow removal equipment to the trucks. We have secured a \$170,000 snow removal/mowing contract with the state for another year. This will allow us to help the state maintain all roads in Morgan County.

When a snow or ice event happens, it takes a little time for road crews to get across the whole county. However, we will try to do the removal as quickly as possible. If your local road has not been touched within 10 to 12 hours after a snow or ice event, call my office at 606-743-3897 and report this to us. If it is on a weekend and the office is closed, the road crew will be out doing their jobs — they check in with me often when we have a weekend event. When the office is closed, you can call 606-743-4385, which is the non-emergency number at the West Liberty Dispatch Center.

We are here to serve and will work for you, the Morgan County citizens, throughout the winter months.

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A boy's conscience

Hold it, young man, I want to talk to you right now!

As I walked into the Commercial Bank lobby, I was face to face with a table filled with cakes and cookies. Knowing that if I didn't scurry on into the bank I was going to be challenged to the inevitable, "Buy some cookies!"

As I hurriedly walked up the three steps, it seemed like an eternity. But there was the door just a couple of steps ahead. "No cookies for you today," I told myself as I reached the door.

But just as I pushed the door open, I heard her. Her voice hadn't changed since I was in her sixth grade class. It rang out, not as a "hello," but as a familiar command, "Hold it, young man! I want to talk to you, right now!"

I turned around and said, "Why Mrs. Wheeler, how you doin'?" I didn't see you sittin' there." I fibbed and she knew it. I felt like a kid caught with his hand in the cookie jar. "This is for a good cause," she said. "Now you come down here and buy some cookies!" And so I did.

You know, since the sixth grade, whatever Mrs. Wheeler asked me to do, I've done. Her name never was Doro e. It was always Mrs. Wheeler.

What people don't know is that Dorothy has been my conscience since the sixth grade. She taught me to appreciate a good story. She taught me how to write—at least to the best of this simple redneck hillbilly's ability.

In the sixth grade she would sit there and read to the whole class. I remember particularly "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Few things in my twelve years of school have I enjoyed so much as the half-hour or so she set aside to read chapter after chapter.

But Mrs. Wheeler and I shared a secret that she took to the grave with her this past Saturday. A secret that no doubt she can look back on and smile and say, "Lesson learned, my sixth grade friend."

As a twelve-year-old in the sixth grade, my thoughts too often weren't on my lessons. I would sit in the class and daydream about being in the woods playing Tarzan or cowboys and Indians. I could close my eyes and see myself climbing trees and exploring rock cliffs and just doing things boys my age did "back then. Other than "The Call of the Wild," I never paid much atten-

tion in class, and you could say when it came to homework, I was lazy.

One particular weekend my homework assignment was to write a story about my favorite weekend. Well, you guessed it—come Monday morning I didn't have my assignment done. I hadn't even started it. So I asked my mom to help me write the story. And like a good mother, while I was getting ready for school, she wrote my story. Hey! You're mother would have done the same.

So I took the story to school, copied it, and threw Mama's copy in the trash can. After recess, Mrs. Wheeler announced to the class that there was a cheater amongst us and that she had found the cheat sheet in the trash can.

I the same as had a heart attack right there. My head dropped and at that moment, it seemed like the whole class was looking at me. I never said a word, but I wanted to run out of that classroom as fast as my legs would take me. The only problem was you can't outrun the truth, and I was; guilty as sin.

Mrs. Wheeler explained about cheatin' and you'd have thought it was a bigger crime than killin' the President, at least from where I was sittin'.

She told the class that if before the day was over the guilty party didn't come forth and confess that she would accuse and convict the guilty party in front of the whole class.

I started sweatin' and squirming in my seat and I felt like the villain on the witness stand in a Perry Mason TV show right before Perry reveals that my fingerprints were on the murder weapon! I was truly faced with a dilemma.

I had no choice. There was only one thing to do. At the lunchroom, I sneaked away from all the kids back to the classroom, and sure enough, there sat Mrs. Wheeler waitin' for me.

Well, I panicked and turned and started back out the door. Chills ran up and down my spine as her voice rang out, not as a hello, but as a command, "Hold it, young man! I want to talk to you right now!"

To make a long story short, with tears in my eyes I confessed to the crime, and fearing the worst, I blurted out that I would



Jets cheerleaders are, from left, front, Chelsea Dorton, Brooke Standafer, Katie Haffling, Kimberly Lewis, Alex Gullett; back, Kaylin Henson, Kristan Pickerill, Gina Allen, Kelsey King, and Lindsey Fugate.

Jets cheerleading squad

Morgan County Little League cheerleaders, the Jets, began their season by attending cheer camp held by the Morgan County High School cheerleading squad, where the girls learned jumps, motions, stunts, sideline cheers,, and a dance routine.

After working for several weeks to get ready, the Jets were ready to cheer for their players when football season began.

After football season was over, the Jets worked hard to prepare for the 2nd Annual Cheerleading Championship competition sponsored by the Morgan County Middle School cheerleaders. Their hard work paid off. The Jets placed first in all of the following classes: sideline cheer, floor cheer, dance, and also won Best Overall.

As a special treat, Farm Bureau Insurance, Medicab, and Dr. David Fugate of the West Liberty veterinary Clinic sponsored a sleepover at Gym Dandy. The Jets also attended an MSU basketball game where they met the "All Girls" Cheerleading Team for the MSU Eagles.

Coach Tina Fannin would like to thank all the girls for their hard work. Also thanks to Principal Chaney for the use of the West Liberty Elementary School gym.

come the character, and when I write a story, keep 'em gussin' and always give credit where credit is due—oh yeah, Don't Cheat!

Mrs. Wheeler, thank you for the lesson. You will be missed.

—Ghost of Winding Stair

Filing deadline for candidates Jan. 31

All elected city, county, district, and state offices will be up for grabs next year. Candidates who plan to seek office in the 2006 election year will have from Nov. 9 through Jan. 31 to file candidacy papers at the County Clerk's office.

The one that rows the boat seldom has time to rock it.

Only My Opinion!

By Richard Stamper

This short quiz consists of four questions and will tell you whether you are qualified to be a professional. The questions are not that difficult. Don't look at the answer until you have answered each question!

1. How do you put a Giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is; open the refrigerator, put in the Giraffe and close the door. This question tests to see if you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an Elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, open refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the door?

Wrong answer!

Correct answer: Open refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is throwing a party. All the animals attend...except one. Which animal does not attend?

Answer: The elephant. You just put him in the refrigerator. This question tests your memory.

4. You must cross a river that is infested with crocodiles and you don't have a boat. How do you manage it?

Answer: You swim across. Have you been listening? All the crocodiles are at the Lion King's party. This tests whether you learn from your mistakes.

A world wide survey found that 90% of professionals answered all the questions wrong. But many preschoolers answered them correctly. This disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four-year-old.

If you flunked the logic test, but you are good at math, then here is one more question for you.

How many cubic yards of dirt are there in a hole 3 feet deep and 3 feet wide, and 3 feet long?

Answer: If you figured out one cubic yard, wrong! There is no dirt in a hole, no matter how big the hole is!

Now grin, my smart friends, and Good Night!!!

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Billy Joe Gamboe winner of DARE essay contest



Billie Joe Gamboe

Billie Joe Gamboe, a fifth grade student at Garth Elementary School in Scott County, recently completed the D.A.R.E. Program taught by State Trooper Ronald Turley. The last assignment was a contest among the students. They were to write an essay which summarized what they had learned in the ten week program. Billie Joe was the winner.

The students are now busy with fundraisers to earn money for a trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring. Trooper Turley will be one of the chaperones on that trip.

Billie Joe is the son of Vernon Gamboe, who attended Cannel City Elementary School. He is the grandson of Frank and Florene Conley Richardson of Nicholasville. Florene attended Cannel City School and graduated from Hazel Green Academy. He is the great-grandson of Gelina Conley, who attended Cannel City and Adele Schools.

When all else fails, read the instructions. —Agnes Allen

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Agree or not**Coyotes in the capital no harbinger of joy**

By Todd Duvall

FRANKFORT — The decorations are up all over the capital city. The state Christmas tree is lighted, and it ought to be a festive time at the Capitol.

The coyotes that have been spotted roaming in the neighborhood, however, may be a more appropriate symbol of the holiday mood under the dome right now.

It cannot be an especially joyful time of year for Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his family.

Two of three Court of Appeals judges last week didn't appear impressed with arguments by Fletcher's attorney that the governor's blanket pardon of anyone but himself who may have violated state personnel laws renders the special grand jury here powerless to hand down any new indictments covered by the pardon or even to make a public report of its findings.

The judges didn't think it was proper to interfere with a grand jury's investigation. A final decision is expected by Christmas.

If that decision goes against Fletcher, it will be appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court. If it goes in Fletcher's favor, Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office is leading the grand jury investigation, will appeal to the state's highest court.

So the political agony will continue well into the new year.

That means the personnel scandal will coincide with the 90-day legislative session that begins next month, a session important to any hope that Fletcher has of

gaining voter approval for a second term in office in 2007.

So far Fletcher hasn't given much public indication of what initiatives he plans for the General Assembly next year other than vague discussion of tort reform, an issue that will divide the Republican Senate from the Democratic House and probably lead to yet another stalemate.

At this point, Fletcher ought to be looking for issues to back that generate bipartisan support and as a result, demonstrate his ability to lead the state in a positive direction.

Tort reform isn't one of those issues.

And the realities of the budget Fletcher must present the General Assembly don't offer much encouragement either.

Yes, tax collections are up as the state's economy has improved over the last two years. There will be more money to spend over the next two-year budget period than the one that ends in June.

The problem, however, is that there will not be enough of that new tax revenue to meet all of the multitude of demands from every area of state government.

Pay raises for employees and teachers as well as higher costs for their health insurance will take a large portion of the revenue growth. There also is looming crisis in the state retirement system after too many years of underfunding.

Crowded prisons must be relieved somehow. There's the \$75 million Fletcher promised Louis-

ville for a new downtown arena, such as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in requested new construction on university and college campuses.

Finally but no less critical, there is the state's share in the \$450 million deficit in the Medicaid program that somehow must be found.

The state budget that Fletcher sends legislators will be as thick as a big-city telephone book. In good times, that budget is relatively easy to craft. In hard times, it's a case of ordering agencies to trim their spending by a certain percentage. But when times begin improving after a period of budget cuts, everyone is trying to make up for lost ground, and thus there is no way to accommodate all of those various interests.

Fletcher's budget staff is working overtime trying to meet as many of the demands for higher funding as possible within the constraints of what new revenue is expected over the next two years. That cannot be easy right now in an administration that sees itself under siege and a governor distracted by a scandal that simply won't go away.

All the while, hungry coyotes are stalking around near the Capitol with its lighted Christmas tree on the front lawn.

Quote

When the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, it may be because they take better care of it there.

Cecil Selig

Ky. high court says rural electric coops limited to electricity

The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that rural electric cooperatives, "which were created to bring power to secluded areas during the Depression, are still restricted to generating, distributing and selling that electricity," reports The Associated Press.

"The divided court ruling overturns an earlier victory for the Jackson Energy Cooperative Corp." of McKee, formerly the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., "which wanted to sell propane gas and offer an array of other services, including such things as tree-trimming," AP reports, noting that the years-old case "has been closely watched in the utility industry."

"The statute authorizes only activities that are consistent with the operation of an electric cooperative," Justice Donald Wintersheimer of Covington wrote for the 4-2 majority. "The language which describes the purpose of the cooperative is abundantly clear, there is no ambiguity."

The court's newest justices dissented. Justice John Roach of Lexington (who is running to keep his seat and attended the recent annual banquet of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives) said a 1974 change in co-op laws "opened the door for other services that could include the sale of propane," AP wrote. Justice Will T. Scott of Pikeville said the majority ignored the wishes of the utility's 46,000 customers, as determined by a 1998 survey and limited competition with "a cold winter comin'."

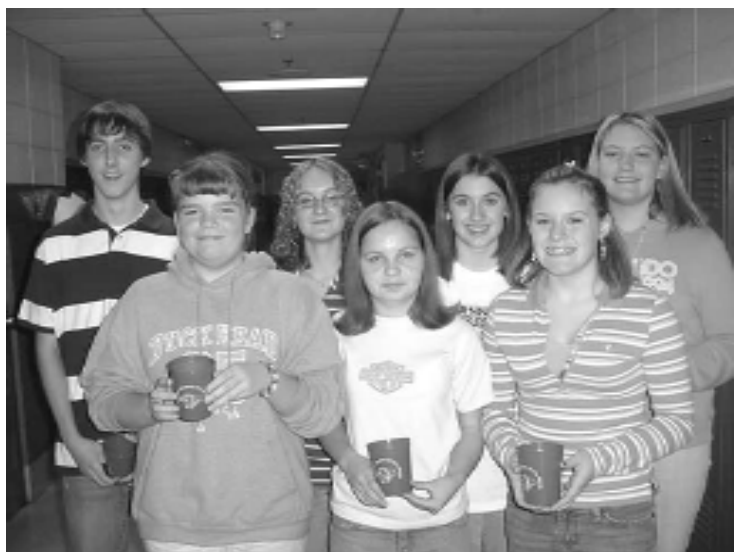
—Kentucky Institute of Rural Journalism

November Students of the Month at MCMS

6th Grade: from left, front, Gabriel Lewis, Sasha Robbins, Celsiie Hammonds, Shayna Smith; back, Keisha Cantrell, Jenna Ball, Clay Adkins, Keisha Potter.



7th Grade: from left, front, Myranda Martin, Chelsye Payne, Cory Harper, Kristen Ross; back, Lynetta Barker, Audra Smith, Deanna Keeton, Daxson Lewis.



8th Grade: front, Brittany Bates, Vannie Peters, Emily McKenzie; back, Jesse Cox, Danielle Nelson, Rickayla Ison, Rebecca Ball. Not pictured: Michael Peters.

Dennis Gulley is Leadership East Kentucky grad

Graduation was held on December 2 for the Class of 2005 of Leadership East Kentucky. Dennis Gulley, executive director of Gateway Community Services was a participant in the class this year.

Members of the class came from all walks of life and from throughout East Kentucky. They participated in sessions on various topics including leadership, education, economic development, criminal justice, the environment and other topics, which

were held in communities throughout the region. Applications are now being held for the Class of 2006 until March 1, 2006. Individuals who work or live in the region are eligible to apply for the program. There are 8 sessions, beginning in May and concluding in December.

Applications can be obtained on the following website: leadershipestkentucky.org or from Linda Gayheart, P.O. Box 105, Hindman, Ky. 41822, phone (606) 785-0606, email gayheart@tatel.com.

Quote

A friend can tell you things you don't want to tell yourself. Frances Ward Weller

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Brushy Fork Church, Caney, Ky. Services fourth Saturday at 1:00 pm and fourth Sunday at 10:00 am each month. Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Gary Fields, pastor. Parsonage: 743-2632. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm, Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. Lowell Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 768-2415. Bro. John Ramsey, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Mrs. Kerry Moore, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Ivan Hinton, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wag-omer, assistant pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Tivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy. 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm.

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Congregation invites all. Everyone welcome.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church Of God, 3 miles north of Campton on KY-746. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil Lykins, pastor, phone 668-3643.

Campton First Church Of God, Campton, KY, phone 668-3564.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor.

Ezel United Presbyterian Church And Manse, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 9:45 am.

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Zag Community Church, located 1 mile off KY-519 on KY- 976. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Donald Cox, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Index Community Church, Rt. 1 Box 210, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday youth hour 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Frisby, pastor. Eddy Dennison, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, US-460, West Liberty, KY. Sunday mass 9:00 am. Father Jerry Dorn, pastor. 581 Glenn Ave., phone 743-4817.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

Ophir Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 10 miles up KY-1260 off KY-172. Services first weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Bro. Danny Price, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Helechawa Community Church, located on KY-191. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to come and worship the Lord.

Sulphur Springs Church, Crockett, KY, KY-172. Third weekend of each month and all odd weekends. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Chris Baldwin, pastor. Bro. Bob Williams, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

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Pekin Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Sammy Vancleave, pastor. Everyone invited.

West Liberty Christian Church, 304 Prestonsburg St. (corner of Prestonsburg and Court Street), phone (606) 743-4356, parsonage (606) 743-4355. Paul Casteel, minister. Ben Thomas, youth minister. Junior church and wee church 11:00 am. High school and middle school youth group Wednesday evening and Sunday evening 7:00 pm.

Ezel First Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Youth group Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday each month 7:00 pm.

Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles north of Campton on KY-191. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Patricia Crider, pastor.

Bear Pen Worship Center, Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday School 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Monday evening 7:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Vernon Dale Lewis, pastor. Everyone invited.

Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campton Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 6:00 pm. Rev. Ronald Barnett, phone 668-3517.

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Glendon Robinson, pastor.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2132.

Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church, Youth services Friday 7:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Bill Rice, pastor. Virgil F. Gillum, assistant pastor.

Full Gospel Tabernacle, Top of Slade Hill where Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph Banks, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Grassy Lick Baptist Church, Grassy Creek, KY 41352. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Kenneth Gevedon, pastor. Vernon Stacy, assistant pastor. James Tyra, assistant pastor.

Quillens Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Lester Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-6435.

Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, 849 Broadway St., West Liberty, KY. Phone 743-1549. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Donnie Wheeler, pastor.

Callaboose Community Church, Off KY-746 near Campton. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Raymond Brewer, pastor.

West Liberty Mennonite Church, located off Circle Dr. Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Diredl Fyffe, pastor emeritis. Elder James Fyffe, 743-1567. Elder Steve Stoltzfus, 743-4195.

Faith Hills Mennonite Church, KY-172, Crockett, KY 41413. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday evening second and fourth Sunday each month 7:00 pm, the fourth Sunday being song service. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty United Methodist Church, corner of Main and Prestonsburg St. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. UMW first Tuesday each month. Rev. Gary Jones, pastor, phone 743-3519.

Trent First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Woodsend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening family night ministries 7:00 pm.

Pine Branch House Of Worship, Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Mollette, pastor.

Assembly Of Faith Church, seven miles north of West Liberty on KY-519. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Harold Davis, pastor. Phone 743-4555.

Campton United Methodist Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:55 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. Alan Jackson, pastor.

Isonville Primitive Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Christopher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty First Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am nursery provided. Sunday evening youth group 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. David Cook, pastor. Phone 743-3722.

Bigwoods Community Church, HC 75, Wellington, KY. 40387. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible hour 7:00 pm. Phone 768-3456. Rev. Jess Brewer, pastor.

New Salem Church, Moon, KY. 1/4 mile off KY-172 on KY-1715. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. James Wallin, pastor. Bro. Shane Ison, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church, two miles off US-460 up Old KY-172. Every fourth weekend of each month. Saturday night business 6:30 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Neal Howards Creek Community Church, Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Newcombe Valley First Enterprise Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. First Saturday each month 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Ladies Bible study/prayer group Wednesday 1:00 pm. Mike Adkins, pastor. Marvin Fannin, assistant pastor.

Tar Ridge Church Of God, Wolfe County. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Bro. Adam Hays, pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Gordon Ford. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Alonzo Johnny Dixon, pastor.

Church Of Free Worship, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 11:00 am. Sunday morning 12:00 noon. Stanley Rigsby, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Old 519 Full Gospel Church, Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772, West Liberty, KY.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Rev. David DuBovich, pastor.

Ezel Church Of God, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-5721.

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Centerville Community Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon, pastor.

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor.

Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor's Branch, Sandy Hook, KY. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Tuesday evening prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Ronnie Mayse, pastor.

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7 past Bruin. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Gallihue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Harold Stamper, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Paul Roemer, pastor. Ernest Martin, youth pastor. Phone 668-3359.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. Bro. Jessie Rogers, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-6384.

Grassy Creek Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Johnnie Davis, pastor.

Vision Baptist Church, Rogers, KY. KY-2818, KY-715. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. George Oney, pastor.

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364, Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening youth service 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor, 743-3801. Elder Lawrence Kersey, 743-3291. Elder Dan Hittepole, 743-3430. Elder Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Garrie Stamper, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Darris Hammons, pastor.

Catholic Church Of The Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY. Phone 668-3731. Sunday mass 12:30 pm. Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. David Hinton, pastor.

Kernie Freewill Baptist Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Butch Whitaker, pastor. Steve Arnett, assistant pastor.

Wallowhole Independent Baptist Church, Second Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Second Sunday evening each month 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer meeting 7:00 pm.

Horton Flats Community Baptist Church, 1.6 miles off KY-7 on KY-3353, Horton Flats Road. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church, Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Andrew Justice, pastor.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deaf class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fannin Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-557 (Ruin Road), Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. George Stafford pastor and Jason Ison assistant pastor.

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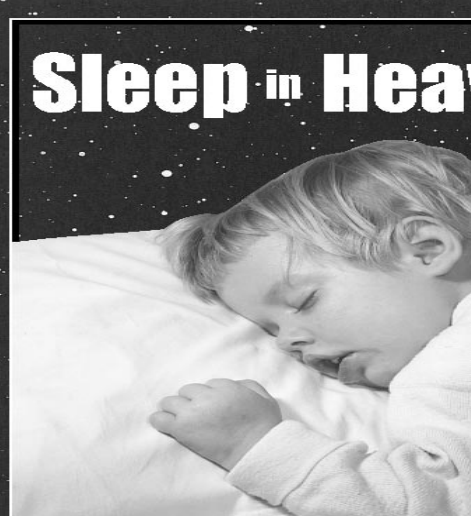
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It is difficult to acquire this frame of mind, this serene spirit. To achieve it we need guidance and help. We can turn to our church. There, we can get our problems in order; get a better perspective on our difficulties and consult with our Creator. "May the God of peace...equip you with everytbing good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him..." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Peace of heart is a two-way street—our way to God, and His way to us. Let God help you find peace within as you attend your chosen house of worship each week.

SUNDAY Isaiah 49:1-26	MONDAY Psalm 24	TUESDAY Psalm 96	WEDNESDAY Psalm 97	THURSDAY Psalm 98	FRIDAY Psalm 99	SATURDAY Psalm 100
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LEGALS

BID ANNOUNCEMENT
Sealed Bids will be accepted on the replacement of the Russell Lewis Road Bridge. Sealed Bids to be opened at 1:00 p.m. on December 15, 2005. Bid opening will take place at the Judge Executive's Office, 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY.
Blue prints may be picked up at the Judge/Executive's office, Monday--Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.
C-12-8-2t
(Pub. Dec. 1, 8, 15)

ORDINANCE
Ordinance 112805-01
An Ordinance of the City of West Liberty, Kentucky, Prohibiting the Use of Skateboards and Similar Devices on Public Property and Restricting their Use on Private Property; Providing for penalty for Violation Thereof.

Definitions
1.) SKATEBOARD shall mean any board of any material which has wheels attached to it where such wheels may be used for movement or propulsion.
2.) SIMILAR DEVICES shall include, but not limited to, roller skates, roller blades, in line skates, coasters and scooters.
Whereas the use and operation of a skateboard or similar device upon the streets, roads, sidewalks, off street parking facilities and private property within the City of West Liberty presents an unreasonable danger of personal injury and property damage, both to the user or operator of the skateboard or similar device and all pedestrians and those operating vehicles upon the public streets, roads, sidewalks, off street parking and private property.

NOW, Therefore, be it ordained by the City of West Liberty:

Section I
No person within the City of West Liberty shall use or operate nor permit to be used or operated a skateboard or similar device on any public street, road, and sidewalk or on any off street parking facility offered for public use.

Section II
No person within the City of West Liberty shall use or operate nor permit to be operated a skateboard or similar device on any private property unless the person has obtained the written consent of the property owner of the property; and unless the person operating the skateboard or similar device has in his/her possession at the time of operating the written consent of the owners of the private property at the time when he/she is operating the skateboard or similar device.

Section III
Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall have their skateboard or similar device confiscated and placed in the police property room for thirty (30) days and shall be fined \$25.00 for the first offense.

If any person commits a subsequent violation of this ordinance the skateboard or similar device shall be forfeited to the City of West Liberty and disposed of in the manner prescribed by law for forfeited property and shall be fined not less than \$50.00.

Section IV
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of publication after proper readings and publication according to law.

1st Reading 10/27/05
2nd Reading 11/28/05
Robert Nickell,
Mayor
Attest:
Sally Barker,
City Clerk
C-12-8-1t

NOTICE OF SALE
Bank of the Mountains will offer for sale at public auction the following items:
1965 Windsor Mobile Home 12x60 VIN #60123658
This sale will be conducted on the lot where the mobile home is situated. Approximately one-half of a mile on the left hand side of Haney Branch off of Hwy. 191, West Liberty, Ky. The sale will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 2005.
This home may be inspected by prospective purchasers between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2005; prior to the sale date.
This item will be sold as is and the terms will be cash. The seller

reserves the right to bid and reject any and all bids.
Jerry Hopkins,
Loan Officer
C-12-8-2t
(Pub. Dec. 8, 15)

CITY OF WEST LIBERTY
2005/2006 Budget Ordinance
Amendment
Ordinance # 112805-02
Whereas the City of West Liberty deems it necessary to amend the Annual 2005/2006 Budget Ordinance to include funding from a Homeland Security Grant for the City of West Liberty 911 Dispatch upgrades;
The City of West Liberty hereby amends the 2005/2006 Budget Ordinance as follows;
Anticipated Revenues.....\$455,058.00
Homeland Security Grant Anticipated Expenses.....\$455,058.00
911 Dispatch Upgrades
The West Liberty City Council therefore amends the 2005/2006 Budget Ordinance on this the 27th day of November 2005.
1st Reading 10/27/05
2nd Reading 11/28/05
Robert W. Nickell
Attest: Sally Barker
C-12-8-1t

PROBATE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on this 29th day of November, 2005, that Goldie Rigsby has been appointed the Exec. of the Allie Rigsby Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of this publication.
Goldie Rigsby
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I think every person faces challenges in his or her life, obstacles that they have to overcome to get where they want to be. Any successful person has failed somewhere along the line. It is never a clean ride.
Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues


Nat'l Resources Conservation Service accepts applications for EQIP Pgm.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office.
Land users may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by January 31, 2006, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2006) program year. Applications received after January 31, 2006 will be held until the next evaluation period.
EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the resource concerns of their local area.
EQIP allows cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice and generally range from 30 to 75 percent. Cost-share rates for beginning farmers and limited resource producers are 75 percent and 90 percent respectively for all eligible practices.
All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.
For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed with the land user to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, critical area planting; pipeline and watering facility; grassed waterway; diversion, and fencing.
Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or conservation district office. You may reach them


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A Funny
Just the other day I listened to a young fellow sing a very passionate song about how technology is killing us and all that . . . but before he started, he bent down and plugged his electric guitar into the wall socket.
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Public Auction



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Heavy equipment and trucks include: 1989 225B Caterpillar Excavator, 1986 225LC Cat. Excavator, 1997 750C John Deere Bulldozer, 2002 D5M Cat. dozer, 2002 D50 Cat. dozer, 1976 Huber Grader, 1979 Ford tandem dump truck, 1995 Chevy 4x4 3/4 ton pickup, 1991 Ford 4x4 3/4 ton diesel pickup, 1986 Ford 4x4 1/2 ton pickup, Mack tandem dump truck, walk-behind Ditch Witch.

Hand tools, equipment and personal items of interest include: large sheets of steel, large and small road const. signs and posts, tools, socket sets, tires and wheels for dump trucks, starter and alternator for dump truck, binders and chains, tow cables, small misc. items for const. work, bedliner for Ford pickup (long bed).

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The Honorable Tim Conley, Morgan County Judge/Executive
Honorable Randy Williams, Morgan County Clerk
Members of the Morgan County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees-regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Morgan County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2004. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 8, 2005, on our consideration of the Morgan County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Honorable Tim Conley, Morgan County Judge/Executive
Honorable Randy Williams, Morgan County Clerk
Members of the Morgan County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Morgan County, Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan - Franklin, LLC
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<p>★ NEW LISTING! Stop and look at this great deal. Located on Keith Whitley Blvd. in Sandy Hook, minutes from Little Sandy Correctional Facility. Nice subdivision. \$65,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Norris mobile home with newer addition situated on 1.5+ acre lot on KY-706 in the Isonville area of Elliott County. Located on KY-706 line, \$139,900. 3 BR, 2 BA, Oak cabinets, gas log fireplace, carpet, office. \$49,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Commercial buildings on Hwy. 173, gas pumps plus 1+ acre. Priced to sell at: Drastically reduced: \$69,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! One of a kind underground contemporary home. Newly remodeled on 2+ acres in Elliott County. \$69,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! What a deal! Take a look at this newly remodeled home just outside city limits of Sandy Hook. 2 BR, 1 BA, new carpet, new roof, new windows, propane heat. \$49,900</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! Commercial building on Main Street in Sandy Hook. Currently split into three rental spaces. Great income potential. \$155,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Beautiful ranch home situated on 1+ acre, one mile off KY-556 in Grayson. 3 BR, 2 BA, Oak cabinets, pool, master suite. \$89,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 2001 Fleetwood Reflection 16x70 upgraded special ordered mobile home on 15+ acres off Route 32, minutes from Little Sandy Correctional Facility. Reduced \$54,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Beautiful brick ranch on 2+ acre wooded lot on 556 (Ruin Road) Elliott County. 3 BR, 2 BA, hardwood flooring, fireplace. \$128,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Mini farm in Morgan County. Property fenced for cattle, nice barn. Home features 2 BR, 2 BA, new cabinets, new roof, covered porch. Reduced to sell quickly. A steal at \$59,900</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! Bank owned mobile home with new additions. Add your own finishing touches. In Morgan County off Ditney Ridge. A steal at \$32,500</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Commercial property, formerly Conley's Grocery in Morgan County. Located on KY-437, between West Liberty and Paintsville in Paintsville Lake area. \$175,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Newer home situated on 1+ acre just off Grab Nickel Road in Rowan County. 3 BR, 2 BA, covered porch, central heat/air, county water. \$95,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Newly remodeled farmhouse at junction of Rt. 7 and Hwy. 173 in Elliott County. 4 BR, 1 BA, 24x24 garage/workshop. \$93,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Here's the house you've been waiting for! Newer construction, 2,600 sq. ft. Centrally located between West Liberty and Sandy Hook in Wrigley, 7.5 acres. 4 BR, 3 BA, Oak cabinets/floors. \$145,000</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! Bank owned 4 BR, 2 BA, A frame, close to Yatesville Lake, Lawrence County. \$74,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 2 adjoining lots. Horton Flats in Elliott County. Minutes from new prison. \$16,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 300 acres prime hunting. Morgan-Magoffin County line, \$139,900. Possible owner financing.</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 3+ acres off Hwy 557, Elliott County. Minutes from town. \$13,500</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Close TO NEW PRISON Tract 2 - 5.96 surveyed acres, fronts Route 504, excellent building sites. \$20,000. Tract 3 - 3.76 acres, \$15,000. Located on Route 504, minutes from new prison. Tract 5 - 1.89 surveyed acres. \$15,000 on Route 504. Tract 6 - 6.57 surveyed acres on Route 504. Excellent home site. \$20,000. Tract 7 - 3.42 acres on Route 504. \$12,000. Tract 8 - 13.27 acres with pond, beautiful view on Route 504. \$30,000. Tract 9 - 10.74 acres on Route 504, excellent view. \$30,000. Tract 10 - 2.65 acres on Route 504. \$20,000.</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! 105 acres on Hurricane Road, approximately 30 acres flat mountain top view, wooded, excellent hunting. Elliott County. Reduced to \$79,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 17 wooded acres, Morehead, close to I-64. \$49,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Barn, 45 acres, excellent hunting, Elliott County. \$59,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 12+ acres close to Grayson Lake backwaters and new prison. \$39,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 87+ acres, older farm house, outbuildings, 2 barns, fields, timber, head of hollow. Excellent hunting, close to Grayson Lake. \$125,000</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! Beautiful home on 1.5+ acres inside city limits of Sandy Hook. 3 BR, 2 BA, Oak cabinets, central heat/air. \$89,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 300 acres prime hunting. Morgan-Magoffin County line, \$139,900. Possible owner financing.</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 60+ acres adjoining Indian Creek in Morgan County. Would make a great place to hunt. \$69,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 55 acres prime land, approximately 10+ acres wooded. \$128,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 87+ acres, older farm house, outbuildings, 2 barns, fields, timber, head of hollow. Excellent hunting, close to Grayson Lake. \$125,000</p>
<p>★ NEW LISTING! 111 acres, excellent hunting, lots of trails. Elliott County. \$59,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 107 acres. Excellent hunting. Blaine's Trace, Elliott County. \$69,900 Possible land contract.</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 250+ acres with new cabin, excellent hunting, at Lee City, just off Mountain Parkway. Reduced to sell quickly. \$159,900</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! 2004 Norris modular home, 32x80, on 3.8 acres, Grayson, Ky. \$122,000</p>	<p>★ NEW LISTING! Two adjoining lots in Horton Flats. Close to Grayson Lake. Reduced to sell quickly. \$12,900</p>

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AREA DEATHS



Ova Jenkins

Ova Jenkins, 80, of Pricey Creek Road, Salyersville, died Friday, December 2, 2005, at his residence.

Born December 13, 1924, in Magoffin County, Kentucky, Ova was a son of the late Gobel Jenkins and Ona Coffey Jenkins.

He was a carpenter, member of Rockhouse United Baptist Church, and Elkfork Lodge #755 F & AM.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Oakley, Raymnd, Garland, Mason, Woodrow, Earl, and Burl Jenkins; and one sister, Marie Francis.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Jenkins; three sons, Wayne Jenkins, of Salyersville, Tim Jenkins, of Winchester, and David Jenkins, of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Reva Jenkins, of Salyersville, and Clara Blanton, of Morrow, Ohio; five grandchildren, Brooke Jenkins, Mendy Jenkins Arnett, Natasha Jenkins, Jason Jenkins, and Wesley Jenkins.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel, with ministers John blanton, Phillip Caudill, and Eulas Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Gobel Jenkins cemetery, on Pricey, with Magoffin County Funeral Home, of Salyersville, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Randall Jenkins, Rocky Jenkins, Ralph Blanton, Matthew Blanton, Teddy Jenkins, Nicky Jenkins, Harry Francis, and Troy Gullett.

Honorary pallbearers were all his grandchildren.

DEEPER

Let me see the ones about me hungry for the peace I know and the spirit of my Saviour, Father let me ever show, let me lift the ones who's fallen, Help the lame upon the way. Soothe the weary, calm the suffering, knowing thou wilt come someday. Others, Lord, yes others. Let this my motto will help me to live for others that I may be like thee.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Arnold Hatton, Sr.

Arnold Drexel Hatton, Sr., son of the late Dewey and Bessie Prater Hatton, was born August 2, 1933, and departed this life Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at the age of 72 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

He was born in Wolfe County, Kentucky, was of the Baptist faith, and was a retired truck driver.

Survivors include four sons, Arnold Hatton, Jr., of Pitman, New Jersey, Kenneth Allen Hatton, of Rutledge, Tennessee, William Dewey Hatton, of Deptford, New Jersey, and J.R. Queen, of Knoxville, Tennessee; two daughters, Colette Queen, of Morristown, Tennessee, and April Standifer, of White Pine, Tennessee; two brothers, Darrell Hatton, of Fort Myers, Florida, and Jay Hatton, of Rutledge, Tennessee; three sisters, Marie Dalton, of Thornhill, Tennessee, Ruby Wagner, of Middletown, Ohio, and Angie Irwin, of St. Petersburg, Florida; and a special cousin, David Hatton and his family, of Hazel Green; 6 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 2, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, in Campton, with William Dewey Hatton officiating. Burial followed in the Hatton Family Cemetery, on Wilson Branch Road, Hazel Green, with Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton, in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 2, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, in Campton, with William Dewey Hatton officiating. Burial followed in the Hatton Family Cemetery, on Wilson Branch Road, Hazel Green, with Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton, in charge of arrangements.

Goebel Carpenter

Goebel Carpenter, 83, of Ezel, died Thursday, December 1, 2005, at the V.A. Hospital, in Lexington.

Mr. Carpenter was born January 3, 1922, at Greear, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Roll Carpenter and Lola Mae Greear Carpenter.

He was a laborer, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Goebel is survived by a cousin, Mary Murphy, of Ezel.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Greear and Cundiff Cemetery, at Grassy Creek, with Rev. Eugene Haney officiating. Burial followed with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Military rites were conducted at the graveside by Morgan County D.A.V.

Pallbearers were friends and relatives.

JUST FOR TODAY

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray. Keep me my god from stain and sin just for today. Let me no wrong or idle word unthinking say. Set thou a seal upon my lips, just for today.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



Dorothy Wheeler

Dorothy Frances Lykins Wheeler died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born January 23, 1930, at Malone, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Charlie and Zona Lykins. She was a long time member of the Walnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church at Stacy Fork, Kentucky.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant baby brother, Edward Lykins; her husband, Resvie Wheeler, in 1996; and brother, Wayne Lykins, in 2004.

Survivors include sister-in-law, Oma Lykins; niece, Tammy Cook and husband, Rick, and children, Quentin, Megan, Allison Ennis and Anastasia Cook; nephew, Terry Lykins and wife, Christina, children, Jerusha, Roxanne and granddaughter, Danielle, all of West Liberty, Ky.

Another sister-in-law, Revrey Cassity, of West Liberty; nephew, Paul Cassity, of Lafayette, Louisiana; nieces, Althea Cassity Maki and husband, Karl, of Newfield, New York, and Sheryl Cassity Ackler and husband, Sid, of Longview, Washington.

Also a number of very special cousins, other relatives and friends.

Dorothy was actively involved in a number of civic and community clubs and organizations: A member of the Morgan County Woman's Club, Towne and Country Homemakers, the Morgan County Sorghum Festival Committee, a former member of the Morgan County ARH Advisory Council, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Morehead State University Advisory Council.

A teacher by profession she taught 34 years in the Morgan County school system. Both she and Resvie retired in 1983. She loved teaching and the many children who were her 5th and 6th grade pupils.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Elder Jimmy Adkins, Elder Parley Cantrell, and Elder Rick Howard officiating. Burial followed in Elliott County Memory Gardens, Sandy Hook, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Quentin Ennis, Rodney Brown, Ronnie Lykins, Kevin Maki, Andy Patrick, Richard Lykins, Eric Cassity, and Bill Atwood.

Honorary pallbearers were all her many friends and relatives.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were suggested to Walnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 113 Walnut Road, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.



Lela Brooke Ward

Lela Brooke Ward, 29, of Highway 460, West Liberty, died Thursday, December 1, 2005, at West Liberty.

She was born February 26, 1976, in Opelika, Alabama, a daughter of Ercil Edward Ward and Dana Lou Ball May.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Her maternal grandfather, Daniel Delbert Ball, and paternal grandmother, Nola Ruth Ward, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her father, Dr. Ercil Edward Ward and wife, Patricia Benton Ward, of West Liberty; her mother, Dana Lou Ball May and husband, Leonard May, of West Liberty; a daughter, Kylara Paige Combs; one sister, Shannon Ashley Ward, of West Liberty; two brothers, Heath Edward and Mandy Ward, of West Liberty, and Daniel Brock and Molly Ward, of Ashland; paternal grandfather, Ercil Ward and wife, Wanda, of West Liberty; maternal grandmother, Betty Lou Ball, of Louisa; an uncle, James Manuel Ward, of West Liberty; aunt, Teresa G. Martorana and husband, Carmen, of Gaithersburg, Maryland; and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 4, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Rev. Mike Lindon officiating. Burial followed in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Highway 191, West Liberty, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were friends and relatives.

Rodney T. Murphy

Rodney T. Murphy, 60, of Middletown, Ohio, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, at the V.A. Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio.

He was born January 6, 1945, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Thomas and Hazel Murphy.

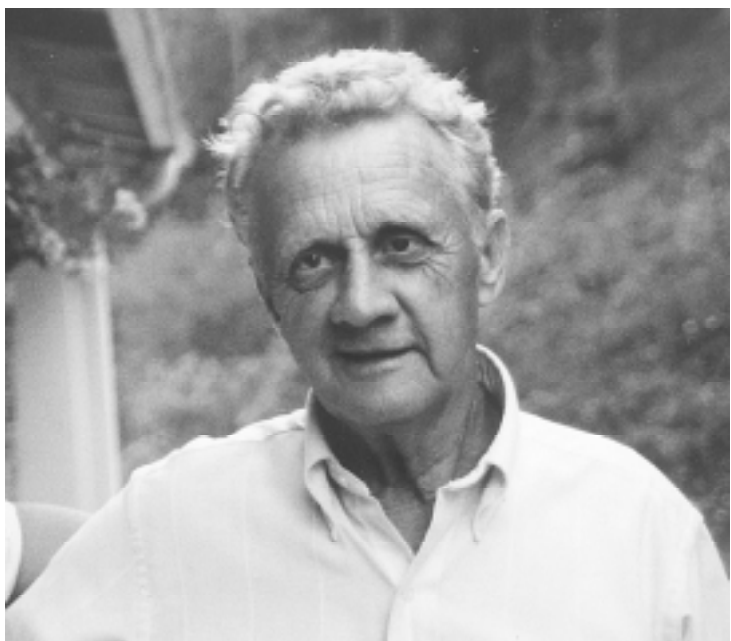
He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

In addition to his parents, Rodney was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Ralph B., and Carl Murphy.

He is survived by his son, Darco L. Murphy and wife, Tamera; three daughters, Cheree L. Sheffield and husband, Tim, Tamee R. Murphy, and Angela K. Geary and husband, Matthew; 8 grandchildren; two brothers, Kelly "Jack" Murphy and Bill Murphy; sisters, Martha Pridemore, Jan Gillman, Glenda Dungan, and Sharon Wood, all residing in the Middletown, Monroe, and Trenton, Ohio, areas.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Baker-Stevens Funeral home, in Middletown, Ohio. Interment followed at Butler County Memorial Park. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by American Legion Post #218 Color Guard. Baker-Stevens Funeral Home, of Middletown, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

Happy Birthday



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What Heaven Means to Me

When I think of Heaven, and quite often I do I may not think of things that mean the most to you Like jasper walls and gates of pearl so beautiful to behold And mansions standing everywhere on that street of purest gold For this just doesn't thrill me or fill my heart with bliss Because I've never had enough of that to make me spoiled I guess For the human mind can't comprehend the beauty there is to see For this, my friends, is what heaven means to me: Why it's a place where night has vanished away And the ages of time is one long day The weather will be perfect and the food will be fine And we will never have to hurry For there is no more time. And up there in heaven we'll never cry, there are no bills to pay and there is nothing to buy There will be no more sorrow nor one bit of sin And the sting of death, thank God, will never be felt again. And another thing that will make heaven so fair, My mom and dad will both be

there And looking so young and youthful I see Not old and wrinkled like they used to be. I will kiss mom and she will whisper in my ear "I've ben waiting for you, son, I'm so glad you are here." And Dad will say, "Boy, there is no more fear And we can talk together for a hundred years. And then just imagine if you can Meeting all the old Saints and getting to shake their hand And to hear them tell the story of the things they have done Or maybe live next door to Peter James and John. Yes, all this will be wonderful if we can make it through To that beautiful place He has gone to prepare for me and you. But of all I have mentioned, there is nothing to compare With the main thrill of all that awaits me there And that is to see Jesus, the One who died for me And to live in His presence in all eternity. There we can sing together without a trouble or a care. This is what Heaven means to me, Friends. I hope to meet all of you there—Wm. E. Wright

Faye Bush

Stella Faye Price Bush, 69, of Campton, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at Kentucky River Medical Center, in Jackson.

Born July 9, 1936, in Morgan County, Kentucky, Faye was a daughter of the late Robert Lee Price and Myrtle Meeks.

She was a Green Thumb worker who worked in the dispatch office and cleaning lady of the Wolfe County Courthouse.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Osa Bush; one daughter, Peggy Cornett Whitt; three sisters, Kathern (Judy) Price Blackburn, Ida Mae Nipper, Geneva Vanceleve; and two brothers, Robert (Tom) Price and Joseph Curtis Price.

Survivors include five sons, Eddie Cornett, Kenneth Cornett, Gene Bush and wife, Pam, Jr. Bush and wife, Mary, Mark Bush and wife, Misty; one brother, Rev. Raymond Price; two sisters, Gracie Bush and Evelena McKenzie and husband, Bill McKenzie; 14 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a lot of family and friends who she loved.

Funeral services were conducted at 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Rev. Raymond Price officiating. Burial followed in Miles Fallen Cemetery, on Fallen Road, at Daysboro, with Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of campton, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Henry Bush, Herny Bush, Jr., Walter Bush, Walter Bush, Jr., Volney Haney, and Wiltom Ross.

Georgia Lindon

Georgia Lindon, of Northern Kentucky, a former of West Liberty hairdresser, died early Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

She was a daughter of Raymond and Girden Lindon, of Cannel City.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Grace Baptist Church, at Malone.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were suggested to the American Cancer Society.



Dayton Trusty

Dayton Trusty, son of the late Russell and Ruth Ann Mullins Trusty, was born December 7, 1944, and departed this life Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at the age of 60 years, 11 months, and 25 days.

He was born in Wolfe County, Kentucky, was of the Pentecostal faith, and was a carpenter.

Survivors include six brothers, Arnold Trusty and Paul Trusty, both of Burkhart, Bill E. Trusty, of Mize, Mac Trusty, of Vanceleve, Randy Trusty, of Wilmington, Ohio, and Russell Wayne Trusty, of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters, Wilma Trusty Taulbee, of Campton, and Rhonda Gail Trusty Humbert, of Wilmington, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Dalton Trusty and Mitchell Trusty.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m., at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Harold Gene Taulbee, Larry Taulbee, and John Oldfield, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery, at Burkhart, with Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Donnie Trusty, Randy Trusty, Billy Joe Trusty, Greg Taulbee, Jason Tillett, Jared Hayes, Kenneth Pieratt, Danny Joe Gevedon, and Paul Timothy Trusty.

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(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)



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West Liberty Homemakers

The West Liberty Homemakers had their regular meeting on Friday, November 11, 2005, at the home of Lillian Nickell. Norma Smith, president, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Lillian Nickell gave the devotion entitled "Thanksgiving", closing with a prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

All business was taken care of. Don't forget the Blood Drive on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Community Center.

Our Christmas party will be Saturday, December 10, at the Barry Keiger Memorial Building, at 7 p.m. All members should bring a gift to exchange and refreshments. Come join us and bring your family.

We're looking for new members. If you would like to be a member come on out and join us at our Christmas party.

The lesson on Christmas Planner was taught by Norma Smith. She also read a poem entitled "A Christmas Cup of Tea" and presented everyone with a tea bag.

The hostess presented everyone with a potholder and dish towel, along with a black pot filled with candy.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Nell Adkins, Mondella Bradley, Nancy Brandt, Cricket Cantrell, Ida Mae Elam, Marie Franklin, Annette Kember, Iva Leeper, Sherry Lykins, Norma Smith, Myrtle Fannin, Brenda Bishop, Betty Lou Elam Bailey, Ringo Kember, and the hostess, Lillian Nickell.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party.

Did You Know?

When we warm up our voice by singing the syllables, "do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do," we are employing the musical system known as *solfeggio*.

Lenox

By Estelle Caskey

Dec. 5--Those from West Liberty attending the funeral of Bob Bates last Tuesday at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home, at Wallingford, were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bates and Jessie, Miss Mickie Bates, of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Barker, Estelle and Louise Caskey, and a host of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ruby Caskey spent last weekend here with Mrs. June Whitt.

Mrs. Mavis Stevens and Tony Hill had business in Morehead last Monday.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Lillie Hamilton. She was our lifelong friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adkins had business in Morehead last Monday.

Mrs. Brenda Gilliam, of Washington, D.C., and her cousin, Miss Charshaw, spent Thanksgiving here with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Gilliam.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones.

Household Hints

- Eating blackberries helps to stop diarrhea. It has been tried.
- Laughing is good for depressed people. Surround yourself with people who have a good sense of humor. It helps.
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AREA DEATHS



James C. Lawson

James Clayton Lawson, 51, of Tarr Ridge Road, Frenchburg, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Mary Chiles Hospital, in Mt. Sterling, following an extended illness.

Mr. Lawson was born January 4, 1954, in Menifee County, Kentucky, a son of the late Clayton Reece Lawson and Carma Smallwood Lawson.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Smith.

Survivors include four sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine and Larry Smith, Ruby and Ronnie Sorrell, and Anita and Gary McCoy, all of Frenchburg, and Vivian and Earl Ray McCoy, of Wellington; one brother and sister-in-law, Larry Wayne and Sharon Lawson, of Frenchburg; a special niece, Diana Byrd, of Frenchburg; two special friends, Laurys Smith, of Frenchburg, and Paul Miller, of Ocala, Florida; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Menifee Home For Funerals, with Rev. David Woodward officiating. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery, Tarr Ridge Road, Frenchburg, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Nephews were pallbearers.

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Andrew H. Amyx

Andrew Harold Amyx, 77, of Venice, died Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

Andy, the oldest of four children, was born to loving parents, Loy Brack and Elizabeth Amyx, on January 19, 1928, in Middletown, Ohio. He moved to Venice from Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1976.

Andy was a graduate from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, in advertising. Prior to his broadcasting career, he served as Boy Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America. He was a market research manager and promotion director for Time-Life Broadcast stations WOOD-TV-AM/FM. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Doran during the World War II emergency program.

He was a member of Variety Club International, Rotary, National Broadcaster Promotion Association, Advertising Club of America, Whose Who in America in Advertising, Venice Elks, the Board of Directors for South Venice Fire Department and Myakka Pines Golf Club.

On TV he portrayed Bozo the Clown, Pedals the Clown, Chico the Clown, and was a TV spokesperson for Sunbeam Company.

Andy was an author of a humorous book and other articles of human interest. He was a Catholic and a member of the Epiphany Cathedral Church.

Survivors include his devoted wife and best friend, Marilyn, of 53 years of marriage; daughter, Cynthia Amyx Kloster, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; two sons, Daniel Amyx, of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Timothy Amyx, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

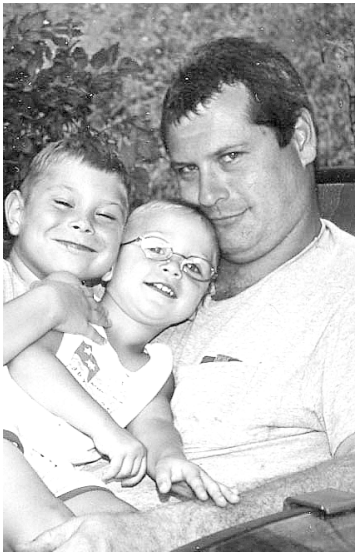
His pride and joy are his four grandchildren, Steven Kloster, Justin Amyx, Nathan Avey, and Elizabeth Amyx.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were suggested to the Heart and Lung Association.

Those who had the privilege of knowing our beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather have been blessed with his humor and kindness. We will miss him but will see him again in the hereafter.

Private services will be held at a later date.

David Watson



David Watson, 32, of West Liberty, died Monday, December 5, 2005, in West Liberty.

Born June 3, 1973, in Lexington, Kentucky, David was a son of David Ross Watson, of Salyersville, and June Whitt Mitchell, of West Liberty.

He was a heavy equipment operator, a mason and shiner.

Survivors in addition to his parents include two children, Isaac Caleb and Aaron Michael Watson; his twin sister, Michelle McKenzie, of West Liberty; a brother, Joshua David Watson, of Salyersville; his former wife, Victoria Patrick Watson, of Salyersville; two nieces, Kendra and Keisha, and a nephew, Collin McKenzie; and his grandmother, Nora Smith, of Salyersville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, December 9, at Lakefront Church of God, with Rev. Dallas Patrick and Rev. Larry Patrick officiating. Burial will follow in the Watson Cemetery, at Elsie, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Potter Funeral Home; and after 12 noon Thursday, Dec. 8, until time for services at the church.

Pallbearers will be A.J. Risner, Garth Risner, Robert Patrick, Wesley Watson, Sonnie Mitchell, Eddie McCarty, Darrell Bailey, and David McKenzie.

Food for Thought

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, they must be felt by the heart. —Helen Keller

What Is Worthwhile?

The world is blessed by men who do things, and not by those who merely talk about them. —Leaves of Gold

Lillie Hamilton



Lillie Lowe Hamilton, 89, of West Liberty, died Saturday, December 3, 2005, at West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in West Liberty.

Born August 7, 1916, Lillie was the daughter of the late William Ireland and Annie Leslie Lowe.

She attended elementary and high school in Pikeville, and attended one year at Pikeville College. Lillie was a homemaker and had worked several years with the University of Kentucky Extension Service.

She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church, and also was a member of the Elkfork Chapter of Eastern Star. She and her late husband and children enjoyed traveling and had traveled the entire United States.

Lillie was a devoted Mother and doting Grandmother and loved her family and friends. She always had something good to say about everyone.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Hager, of 63 years; and her five brothers, John Lowe, Floyd Lowe, Landy Lowe, James Lowe, and Sparrell Lowe; and one sister, Allene Lowe Smith.

Survivors include four children, Kenneth Hamilton and wife, Audrey, of Lexington, Ronnie Hamilton and wife, Sherri, Alice Anne Franklin and husband, Stanley, and Scotty Hamilton and wife, Deborah, all of West Liberty; six grandchildren, Larry Hamilton, Kristi Collins, Stanya Lea Williams, Darby Franklin, LeAnna Vaughn, and Brandon Hamilton; eleven great grandchildren, Mark Kenneth Hamilton, Kara Ellen Hamilton, Laryn Chase Hamilton, Hunter Clay Collins, Larrin Andrew Collins, Nolan Ray Williams, Alexandria Stanlea Williams, Marion Perry Franklin, Emalee Grace Vaughn, Jake Michael Vaughn, and Lauren Olivia Hamilton; and a special nephew, Charles E. Lowe and wife, Virginia, of Pikeville.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Potter Chapel with Bro. Bob Williams and Bro. Kevin Williams officiating. Burial followed in Paint Valley Memory Gardens, at Crockett, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Scotty Hamilton, Stanley Franklin, Larry Hamilton, Brandon Hamilton, and Darby Franklin.

White Oak

By James Lacy

Get well wishes go to Mrs. Anna Clay Preston of Farmersville, Ohio, who has been pretty sick recently. Everyone in White Oak is wishing you the best; also to Donald Adams, who had a heart catch recently but is home and good.

Your writer ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arnett, James Arnett, Mrs. Monica Risner, David and Daniel of Salyersville.

Mrs. Leberta Potter had all of her family home for Thanksgiving.

Visiting your writer recently were Cletis Potter of Cannel City, Mrs. Martha Arnett of Salyersville, Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, Adam Campbell and Larry Carpenter, Mrs. Eleanor Holbrook and Mrs. Genom Whitaker and Mrs. Leberta Potter.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy of Woodsbend, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hackworth, Ashley and Brandon of Salyersville, and Mrs. Trishia Cox and Megan of West Liberty. Mrs. Leberta Potter is in Lexington this week for her treatments. She got a good report the other day.

Get well wishes go to Miss Nadine Minix.

Your writer was in West Liberty one day last week to get his flu shot.

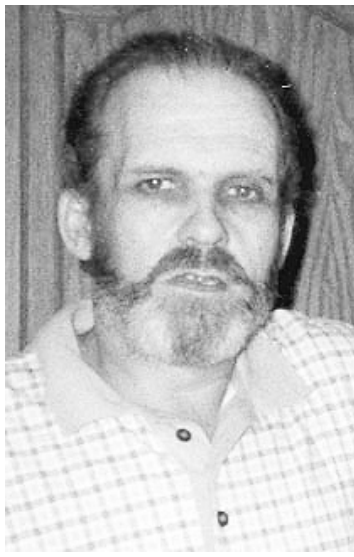
Talked to Mrs. Loretta Allen the other day. She and Hallard are doing okay.

Food for Thought

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man — if you want anything done, ask a woman.

—Margaret Thatcher

Kenneth Fugate



Kenneth "Moko" Fugate, 53, of Sandy Hook, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, in West Liberty.

Born Wednesday, May 21, 1952, in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, Kenneth was a son of the late Ray and Betty Jo Wilson Fugate.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Fugate; one son, Jerry Fugate, of Mount Sterling; a daughter, Samantha Cantrell and husband, Nick, of West Liberty; two step children, T.J. Cantrell and Stephanie, of Isonville, and Shannon Smith, of West Liberty; three grandchildren, Chellie Nicole Cantrell, Cody Ray Cantrell, and Chole Alexander Cantrell; one step grandchild, Kayla Brickey; two brothers, Brent Proffitt and Walter Kirk; also two beloved dogs, Trixie and Snoodle; and two cats, Moe Kitty and Oreo.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Potter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Paul Keeton and Rev. Terry Cantrell officiating. Burial followed in the Fugate Family Cemetery, at Isonville, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Dr. Alan Schultz, Aaron Wehunt, Kenny Sparks, James Cadill, Bobby Gilliam, and Dairl Robbins.

Goldie K. Litteral

Goldie Keeton Litteral, 75, of West Liberty, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead.

She was born April 25, 1930, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Ren and Leona Caskey Keeton.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include three children, Clyde Litteral and Ollie Litteral, both of West Liberty, and Margaret Moore, of Campton; 6 grandchildren; 1 brother, Harold Keeton; two sisters, Evalene Keeton and Lorene Keeton.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Walter Litteral Family Cemetery, at West Liberty, with Rev. Joe Jenkins officiating. Burial followed with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Dec. 5—Greetings from the Junction.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas is on its way. As soon as the month of December hits I start panicking. Shopping has to be done, tree has to be put up, boxes have to be wrapped, and it seems every weekend there is a party or Christmas play to attend. Then right in the middle of this chaotic frenzy I have a husband (Davy) and good friend (Lisa Gullet) that have birthdays to celebrate. Oh! By the way, Davy and Lisa, Happy Birthday!!!!!! Then around December 26th I fall into an exhausted slumber and sleep for days.

While we're on birthdays, have a few to congratulate. I have a friend and riding buddy, Mike Vest, that celebrated his 40th birthday last month. The old boy has reached the top of the hill and from now on it is straight down and it sure goes quickly. Then young Charlie Robbins (Groundhog), son of Charlie and Annaleen Robbins, celebrated his 13th birthday. Charlie enjoyed his birthday dinner at Fazoli's in Paintsville. Also, Summer Robbins celebrated a birthday last week; she is the daughter of Daryl Jr. and Sherry Robbins of Lost Creek and a first grader at East Valley. Master Kinley Williams, son of Steve and Lisa Williams, will be celebrating his first birthday this week. Happy Birthday to you all!!!!

Clark Legg came home this week from his stay at Cardinal Hill. He will be staying with his daughter, Shelia Hensley of Upper Sand Lick. Also, I visited with neighbor Beverly Cantrell this weekend; she is still recovering from an automobile accident that occurred in August, in which she suffered a broken arm and a broken leg. Beverly dumped her wheelchair for a short time and actually walked across the kitchen floor. You Go, girl!!!

I have some fantastic news, Caneisha Adkins, daughter of Greg and Paula Adkins, won an art contest at MCMS. The picture was designed with lots and lots of hearts. If you get to Frankfort anytime soon, look for her picture hanging in the Capitol rotunda. Congratulations, Caneisha!

Gene Ferguson, husband of Julie Ferguson, of Hwy 172, was admitted to Saint Claire Hospital, in Morehead this week. I am not sure what problems he is having, but Gene has been battling with health issues for a while.

Lilly Hamilton, 89, widow of the late Hagar Hamilton, passed away. Lilly has been living at the nursing home for three or four years. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

The Williams Creek-Elkfork Church will be having their annual Christmas play on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Also, since Christmas Day will be on Sunday this year, we have decided to cancel church for the day so members can celebrate with their family and friends.

I will close for now and see you next week.



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Morgan County ARH ECR Committee is sponsoring a silent basket auction this Thursday (today) and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9. Proceeds will go to the ECRC fund to help sponsor employee and community events and projects. The baskets to be auctioned will be on display in the front lobby of the hospital both days. Bid sheets will be placed beside each basket to track the highest bids and bidders. The baskets shown here are representative of those to be auctioned. Each basket has an individual theme indicating the types of items contained.

While all baskets are very nice, several contain items that retail for over \$100. Two of the baskets contain gift certificates from local businesses. All would make wonderful Christmas gifts, as a whole or parceled out. If you are interested and would like to bid, you may bid in person or by phone by calling Mary at 743-3186, ext. 296; Krista at 743-3186, ext. 132, or Joyce, 743-3186, ext. 378.



Defining Moments

Love In Action

By Maxine W. Jenkins

Each one of us has a defining moment in our lives that we can remember. To many of you, this may not have much meaning, but to some it may remind you of a moment in time significant to you. I would like to share two defining moments in my life that have been meaningful to me.

The Willow Switch

When I was a young girl I thought I should have the same privileges as my teenage sister. I wanted to go with her to a friend's house but my dad had told me I could not go. Being the strong willed little person that I was, I heeded not his instruction and went without his consent. When we arrived home I learned very soon what this meant. Before he

administered the "consequences," he explained to me that it was not the place where we went that displeased him, but the fact that I disobeyed him. Neither was it the lashes from the willow switch that hurt but the broken heart of disobedience I suffered. Nonetheless, I realized that the penalty I took hurt him as much as it hurt me and I vowed to never be guilty of this again.

The Ring

A few years later, in my senior year in high school, our class rings had arrived and payment was due soon. My sisters before me had received class rings and I was eager to have one of my own. I was also aware that there had been some financial bad luck on the farm that season and there may not be sufficient funds in the bank account to cover this expense. On the final day, when action had to be made, my friend

and I were on our way from the school building on Prestonsburg Street going to Long's Restaurant for our lunch break, when we saw the figure of a small man trudging toward us. I soon recognized this to be my own Dad, the one who believed in action. I also recognized the hardship and sacrifice he was making as he handed me a check from the Commercial Bank to pay for my class ring. This ring I have guarded, protected and cherished for over sixty years. It is one of my most cherished possessions. I do not remember the events that took place in Long's Restaurant that day, but I will never forget this act of love from my Dad on this one defining day in my life.

Civil War in Kentucky is focus of new publication

Just in time for Christmas giving, *Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865* is perhaps the most comprehensive book yet published on the Civil War in Kentucky.

The 160 page, four-color, hardback book contains 52 articles and essays by 30 Kentucky authors, including State Historian Dr. Jim Klotter. Other contributors include Drs. Charles Roland, Lowell Harrison, Jim Ramage, Stephen McBride, Marshall Myers, Michael Trapasso, and former State Poet Laureate Richard Taylor.

The book includes accounts of 11 major Civil War battles, articles about the many civilian and military leaders during the conflict, the role of African Americans, and relates how two future presidents, U.S. Grant, and James Garfield, first found fame in Kentucky.

Most Kentuckians are unaware that three different cities (Frankfort, Bowling Green, and Russellville) enjoyed the spotlight, however briefly, as the capital of the Confederacy. The importance of women to the war effort on both sides.

How and why Confederate Guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill sought refuge in Kentucky following the Lawrence, Kansas, massacre is related. There is also the story of the hanging of "Sue Mundy" just a few days before the war ended, protesting his innocence almost to his dying breath.

The book also contains an original four-color, pull-out map which provides detailed information on battles, skirmishes, historic sites, forts, cemeteries, railroads, and confederate defensive lines.

Readers will be able to trace John Hunt Morgan's raids into Kentucky and trace the September 1862 routes of Confederate General Braxton Bragg and Union General Don Carlos Buell to Perryville.

The book contains many rare photographs and drawings among its 170 illustrations.

Civil War buffs will enjoy the 50-question quiz which will further help readers to understand a war which produced more casualties than all the other wars combined in our nation's history.

Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865 is available at book stores in Kentucky, or may be ordered by calling Back Home In Kentucky at (606) 663-1011. All soft cover copies have been sold; a limited number of hard covers are available at \$37.95 plus \$6 postage and handling. A limited number of deluxe leather bound copies are available at \$75.00 plus \$8 tax and shipping (limited one per customer). All major credit cards are accepted.

Quote

Most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do.

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Quote

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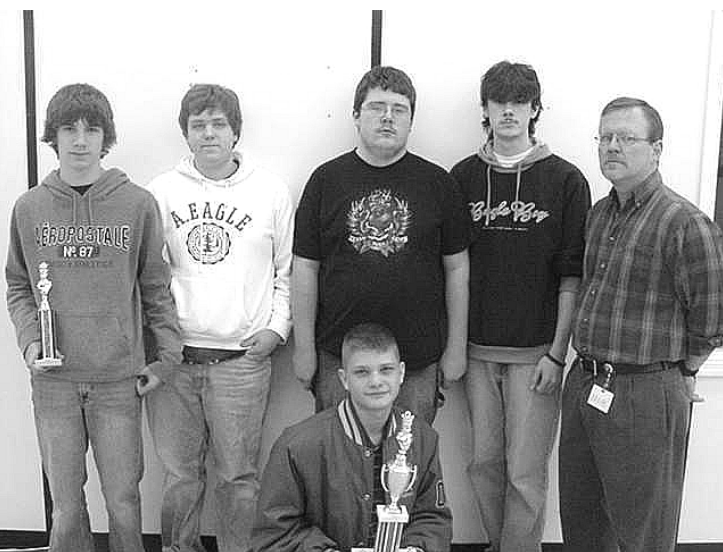
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Chess team members with their trophy are, kneeling, Mitchell Conley; back from left, Josh May, Daniel Frederick, James Phipps, Alex Spencer, and Lee Armstrong, coach. Team member James Holbrook was not present for photo.

Chess team places third in tournament at EKU

The Morgan County High School Chess Team competed recently in the Model Lab School 6th Annual Scholastic Chess Tournament at Eastern Kentucky University, where the team placed third in the field of five high school teams competing.

Josh May, playing his first tournament, won first place in the unrated players section. Josh

emerged with two wins and a draw for a score of two and a half points.

Other team members are James Holbrook, James Phipps, Mitch Conley, Alex Spencer, Daniel Frederick, and Josh Williams. The team's next tournament will be Dec. 17 at Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Lexington.

juana, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, pled guilty, 11 months in jail to run concurrent with other sentences.

Ronnie Keeton, pretrial conference, theft by deception, pled guilty, 12 months conditionally discharged.

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Michael E. Kelly, criminal possession of a forged instrument 2nd degree (2 counts), preliminary hearing Dec. 6.

James D. Adkins, no/expired registration plates and other traffic law violations, proof shown, dismissed.

Steven A. Ball, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, criminal mischief 3rd degree, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 20.

Steven Banks, theft by unlawful taking under \$300, pled guilty, 6 months conditionally discharged, \$20 restitution.

Norile Davis, alcohol intoxication in a public place, assault 4th degree, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 13.

Alan K. Dube, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, pled guilty, \$200, operator's license suspended 90 days.

Douglas Elam, no tail lamps, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 20.

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CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits — (Administrative Board of Appeals) — Bank One Delaware, FKA First USA Bk. vs. Rexel C. Maxey, Nov. 28.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits — Capital One F.S.B. vs. Farmers & Shoppers, Inc., et al, Nov. 28.

Capital One vs. Farmers & Traders, et al, Nov. 29.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Charlotte Bolin, Dec. 1.

Small claims suits — Helen

Lewis, et al, vs. Philip Thornsberry, Nov. 28.

Arraignments Nov. 29 — Edward Clay Gipson, preliminary hearing, receiving stolen property over \$300, hearing waived, matter bound over to grand jury.

Phillip Harmon, Jr., preliminary hearing, receiving stolen property over \$300, hearing waived, matter bound over to grand jury.

Steven Johnson, pretrial conference, theft of services under \$300, pled guilty, 11 months in jail to run concurrent with other sentences.

Steven C. Johnson, other hearing, contempt of court, libel/slander, etc., pled guilty, 6 months to run concurrent.

Steven C. Johnson, pretrial conference, cultivation of mari-



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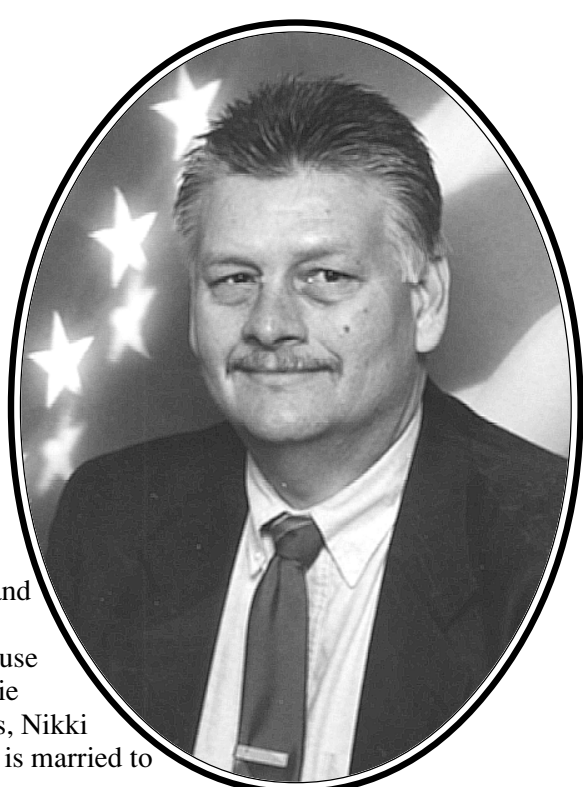
I believe the Jailer Department should be more than just a means of transportation and should take an active roll in crime prevention. Step one is education. As Jailer, I along with my deputies, will become educated on the different types of self-help programs whether it be alcohol or drug abuse, domestic violence, petty theft, etc., that we can recommend the right program, and help someone to help themselves. I am concerned about juvenile and adult misdemeanor repeat offenders. They are one step away from committing a serious, violent crime. I believe repeat offenders are crying out for help and have lost hope. Through education, compassion, and punishment when needed, hopefully, repeat offenders will realize there is a better way of life, when we help others help themselves.

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George B. Hunter, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to notify DOT of address change, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Feb. 7.

Carey Lee Jones, Jr., alcohol intoxication in a public place, pled guilty, \$25.

Joseph E. Nickell, no/expired registration plates, dismissed with proof.

William S. Ratliff, alcohol intoxication in a public place, pled guilty, \$25.

Douglas E. Ross, operating motor vehicle on suspended/revoked license, possession of alcoholic beverage in open container in a motor vehicle, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Jan. 10.

Kyle D. Lawson, operating motor vehicle on suspended/revoked license, failure to maintain required insurance/security, pled not guilty, pretrial conference Jan. 24.

Summer B. Benton, pretrial conference, permit unlicensed operator to operate motor vehicle, pled guilty, \$25.

Charlotte J. Birchfield, pretrial conference, menacing, dismissed upon motion of county attorney.

Bryan A. Bustos, pretrial conference, reckless driving, pled guilty, referred to state traffic school, criminal mischief charge dismissed upon restitution of \$40 to Fair Board.

Terra Elam, pretrial conference, theft by deception, pled guilty, \$100.

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Terra M. Elam, pretrial conference, theft by deception (2 counts), merged and dismissed.

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Terra Michelle Elam, pretrial conference, theft by deception (3 counts), merged and dismissed.

Debra F. Gamble, pretrial conference, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, amended to reckless driving, pled guilty, \$100 and referred to state traffic school.

Vickie L. Littleton, pretrial conference, theft by deception, merged and dismissed.

Vickie L. Littleton, pretrial conference, theft by deception, pled guilty, \$50.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jack Strong and others to Randy Russell and Roxie Russell, 2 1/4 acres, on Caskey Fork, \$16,000.00.

Bryan Goforth and Shawna Goforth to David Holbrook and Bethany Holbrook, tract on Smith's Creek, \$25,000.00.

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Janet Howard and others to Lora Mae Benton, 1/2 acre, Chalmers Benton Road, \$25,000.00.

Denver Mayabb and Pauline Mayabb to Palmer Curt and Angela Mayabb, 2 tracts, Blackwater Creek, \$42,400.00.

Red Cross contacts

To contact the local Red Cross Chapter, call Byron E. May, 743-2296; Debra Skaggs, family disasters, 743-3127; Peter Brandt volunteers, 743-7491; Ed Smith disaster contact, 522-4776.

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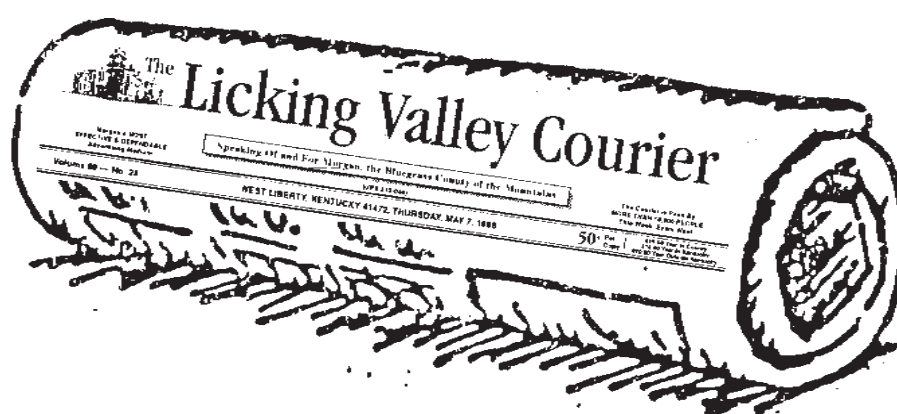
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Four women to compete for title of Miss Licking River Valley this Saturday night

This weekend, four Eastern Kentucky women will compete for the chance to be named the first ever Miss Licking River Valley. The event takes places at 7pm Saturday night at Morehead State University's West Liberty Center. The contestants are from Morgan, Magoffin, and Rowan Counties. Not only will the contestants compete for scholarships, but the winner will also get to advance to the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Pageant in June.

"I feel that we have an amazing group of young women, each with the ability to represent Eastern Kentucky well at the state level," Pageant Director Cecelia Russell said.

Bridgett Fannin is a 21-year-old college senior from West Lib-

erty. She is majoring in education at Lees Community College. Her platform is March of Dimes.

Laken Gullett of West Liberty is an 18-year-old senior at Morgan County High School. Her platform is Responsible Pet Ownership.

Sabrina Howard is a 21-year-old college senior from Salyersville. She is majoring in education at Morehead State University. Sabrina's platform is Healthy Habits-Healthy Heart.

Nakisha Pergram is a 23-year-old graduate student at Morehead State University. Her platform is Preventing Childhood Obesity.

Contestants will compete in six categories: Private Interview, Physical Fitness in Swimsuit, Ar-

tistic Expression in Talent, Casual Wear, On-Stage Question, and Evening Gown. Several awards will be given including Photogenic, Community Service, Talent, and Physical Fitness Awards, 1st runner-up, and the title of Miss Big Sandy Valley.

The pageant theme is Winter Wonderland and is sure to get you in the holiday spirit with lots of Christmas music and holiday fun.

Ticket sales are the primary source for the scholarship fund. The public is encouraged to attend. Tickets are available for sale at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios in West Liberty, WRLV-FM in Salyersville, and will also be available the night of the show. For more information call 606-349-6125.

Council on Aging presents Caregiver of the Year Awd.

In commemoration of November's National Family Caregivers Month, the Gateway Council on Aging along with the Family Caregiver Support Program has awarded Ms. Joetta Botts of Sharpsburg as "Caregiver of the Year." The recognition took place November 22 at the Kountry Kettle Restaurant in Owingsville during the Gateway Area Development District Board meeting. Botts' award was presented by Carol Peach, Chairman of the Gateway Council on Aging. Botts also received a gift donated by the Council on Aging.

Ms. Botts was nominated by her sister, Susan Crouch of Mt. Sterling. Crouch stated, "Ms. Botts is so devoted, dedicated, and concerned about everyone, espe-

cially her family. She gave up her job to care for their ill mother. She provides 80 percent of the care for our mother around the clock, seven days a week, in order for my sisters and myself to remain employed with our jobs. She doesn't take credit for her work, however, she is truly worthy of praise."

Mr. Elza Crouch of Salt Lick was second place winner for the "Caregiver of the Year." He was nominated by his niece, Regina Back of Denniston. The Gateway Area Council on Aging donated a gift to Mr. Crouch for his second place win.

Mr. Crouch, 82, takes care of his wife, who has suffered several strokes and currently suffers from an inoperable tumor at the base of

her spine. He has taken care of her for nine years, cooking, feeding, and bathing her as well as performing countless other tasks essential to her well-being. He is beside her 24-7 and cares for her in anyway that he possibly can.

The Gateway Council on Aging, as well as the Family Caregiver Support Program, takes pleasure in recognizing caregivers for all of their love, devotion, and countless deeds that they perform. Family caregivers provide an invaluable resource to their loved ones. Their courage, compassion, and dedication to family members and friends allow the elderly to remain in a loving environment. More than 22.4 million U.S. households are serving in family caregiving roles for persons over age 50, and that number will increase rapidly as the population ages, and as medical science continues to extend life.

New healthcare certification programs available at MSU

MOREHEAD, Ky.—Three new healthcare certification programs will be offered next semester by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education.

Pharmacy Technician, Medical and Billing Coding, and Dental Assisting Certification programs will begin in March.

The Pharmacy Technician certification will prepare individuals to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's (PTCB) exam. With this certification, individuals will be able to secure a job in a high demand field.

This 50-hour course will teach students medical terminology, how to read and interpret prescriptions, and how to define drugs by generic and brand names.

The class will be held every Monday and Wednesday 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., March 13 - May 8. The fee for the program and textbooks is \$999.

Medical Billing and Coding certification will be offered March 14 - May 9. This 50-hour program provides the skills necessary to solve billing problems, file claims, complete insurance forms, trace delinquent claims, appeal claims, streamline billing procedures, and find service and codes using manuals.

After the individual completes this course and obtains the practical work experience, the student could be qualified to take several national certification exams, such as Certified Professional Coder Exam (CPC or CPC - H Apprentice).

The class will be held every

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A 60-hour Dental Assisting Program will prepare the student for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing healthcare positions.

The course will provide students with information in all areas of pre-clinical dental assistance, as well as training in the professional skills necessary to assist in a dental practice. Key areas covered in the program include administrative and clinical aspects.

This program also is ideal for students interested in pursuing a formal Dental Hygienist program.

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., March 14 - May 16. The fee for the program and textbooks is 1,199.

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COURIER SPORTS

EKC Tournament

Cougar frontline keys 49-40 win over Rowan County in tny. opener

Haney and McCowan combine for 32 points and 23 rebounds

By David Patrick

Forwards Katlin Haney and Blake McCowan carried the load for Morgan County, scoring 32 of their team's 49 points as the Cougars held on for a nine-point EKC Tournament Victory in Morehead Monday evening.

After the two players combined for Morgan's first five points, guard Derrick Young buried a three-pointer off the left wing for an early 8-2 Cougar lead.

Katlin Haney then found a cutting Nathaniel Peyton for a layup and a 10-2 advantage.

BULLETIN

The Cougars defeated East Carter, 67-32 in the semifinals of the EKC tournament Tuesday evening and will play in the championship game this evening (Thursday) in Vanceburg. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Viking sharpshooter Matthew Daniel, who was guarded closely by Derrick Young, didn't score his first points until the 2:30 mark of the first quarter—when Daniel knocked down a three-point shot to slice Morgan's lead to five. But Katlin Haney countered with a three-pointer of his own, which was followed by a strong turnaround bucket in the post by Blake McCowan. Morgan led 17-8 after one quarter.

Rowan began its comeback early in the second period, using a 7-6 run to pull within two, 17-15. However, Katlin Haney scored another clutch basket inside to push the lead back to four. Morgan led 23-20 at the half.

The Cougars came out firing in the third period as Derrick Young's second three-pointer of the game made for a 40-22 lead. Rowan's Matthew Martin then scored six consecutive points to pull his team back within two, but that's as close as the Vikings would get. Morgan proceeded to reel off eleven unanswered points and Blake McCowan's bucket in the paint gave Cougars their biggest lead at 13. McCowan would eventually foul out of the game with just over three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, but Morgan's lead would prove adequate. Despite poor free throw shooting down the stretch, the Cougars held on for the 49-40 victory.

McCowan and Katlin Haney were nothing short of fantastic for Morgan County, combining for 14 field goals and 32 points. Haney also pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds, while McCowan hauled down 10.

Derrick Young added eight points for the Cougars, while Nathaniel Peyton added seven. Devan Adkins finished with two.

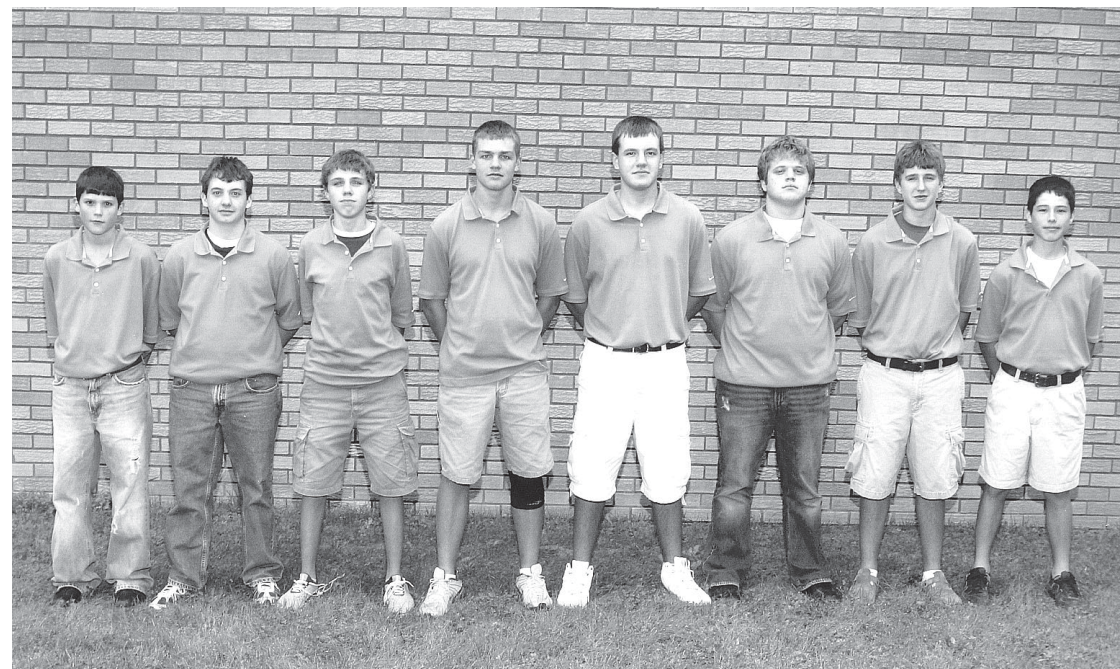
Matt Martin led Rowan with 14 points. Matthew Daniel suffered through a miserable shooting night, courtesy of Morgan County's Derrick Young and Devan Adkins. The Cougar duo held Daniel to only 4 of 22 shooting and a mere 11 points in 31 minutes of action. As a team, Rowan was held to 31 percent from the field (16 of 52).

quarter. Devan Adkins' three point basket made it a 61-28 game. However, the play of the game would come late in the period. With Matt Harris setting up the Cougar offense, the ball touched all five players' hands in only four seconds before John Robert Henderson finished the play with a layup and a 67-28 Morgan lead. The Cougars then closed the quarter on a long three pointer out of the left corner by Devan Adkins, giving Morgan a 42-point lead—its largest of the game. From there, the Cougars put it in cruise control as Katlin Haney scored six of Morgan's 10 fourth quarter points to close out the 80-48 win.

Besides Haney's 23 points, Wes Williams and Blake McCowan each scored 11, with McCowan also adding a team-high 10 rebounds. Nathaniel Peyton and Devan Adkins rounded out the double-figure scoring with 10 apiece. John Robert Henderson tallied nine for Morgan, hitting four of five field goal attempts. Wes Montgomery and Derrick Young added four and three points, respectively.

John Robert Henderson had six of Morgan County's 24 assists, while Katlin Haney led the Cougars with four steals.

Corey Phelps and Bobby Williams were the only Wildcats in double figures, scoring 18 and 12 points, respectively.



Golf team completes winning season

The Morgan County High School Golf Team ended their season with a solid 18-8 record and placed third in the EKC Qualifier, earning them the right to play in the EKC finals. Team members include, from left, Parker May, Jon Cottle, Josh Perry, Tyler Adkins, Colby Jones, Kevin Lykins, Joel Nickell, and Matthew Harris. Not pictured are Stacey Henley, Brock Standafar, and Wesley Stacy. The golf team is coached by Chris Trusty with the assistance of volunteers Jackie Perry and Darrell Bradley.

EKC Tournament

Lady Cougars make it close but lose 49-39 to Rowan County in first round

Lady Vikings' 16-6 run in third quarter too much for Morgan to overcome

By David Patrick

Rowan County's Megan Hughes and Amber Riddle combined for 30 points as the Lady Vikings held off a late Morgan rally for a 49-39 win in Morehead Monday.

Troy Thomas' team eked out an 11-99 lead after one quarter, only to see Morgan tie it early in the second. After Kayla Kelly pulled the Lady Cougars within one, Leslie Eagle tied the game at 15 with a basket at the 4:15 mark. Alyssa Dulen's field goal knotted the game again at 17. However, Rowan closed the half on an 8-2 run to take a 25-19 advantage at intermission.

The Lady Vikings would then put some distance between themselves and Morgan in the third period, outscoring the Lady Cougars 16-6 to take a 41-25 lead heading into the final eight minutes. Donna Robinson's team would make it interesting late in the fourth period. Hannah Fugate's steal and layup reduced the deficit to 16. A three-point play by Kayla Kelly then trimmed the

Rowan lead to only 11 with 1:30 to go. But the Rowan lead proved to be sufficient as the defending 16th region champions held on for the 49-39 victory.

Morgan County was led by the 12 points of Alyssa Dulen, who connected on five of six free-throw attempts. Kayla Kelly and Leslie Eagle also finished in double figures, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively. Hannah Fugate was the only other Morgan player in the scoring column

with six points.

The Lady Cougars struggled from the field over both halves, hitting only 14 of 50 (28 percent) shots. Rowan finished with an even 50 percent, converting 17 of 34.

Morgan County did pick up 15 steals and 42 rebounds. The bad news came in the turnover department as the Lady Cougars coughed it up 22 times. Rowan was worse, committing 27 miscues.



Proud hunter

Mo Gullett is proud of his first deer, a 10-point buck he killed recently on his parents' farm. Mo is the son of Lisa and Jerome Gullett of Gilliam Branch Road, West Liberty.

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SAVE•A•LOT/The Licking Valley Courier ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Katlin Haney MCHS Boy's Basketball

This week's athlete of the week is 6'3" junior forward Katlin Haney. In the Cougars' home opener last Thursday vs. Menifee County, the burly Cougar sizzled on offense. Haney drilled 4 of 5 three pointers and was 8 of 9 from the field and 2 of 2 from the line to accumulate a career high 22 points. Haney also had the complete performance, making 4 steals, dishing out 3 assists and grabbing 8 rebounds. Katlin's performance led the Cougars in an impressive 80-48 win vs. Menifee County. Congratulations to Katlin Haney and the Morgan County Cougars.



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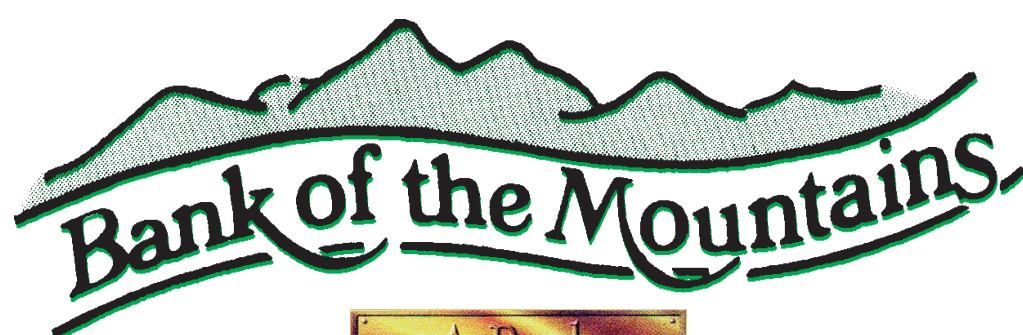
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